

Some additional Byers information

From <http://logan-family.org/doc/byars.html#S9>

I note that there's an article entitled *Byers Family History Told on Grave Stones* by Thurlo V. Byers in the December 1993 issue of the *York County Genealogical and Historical Society Quarterly*, Rock Hill, SC, Vol.5, No.3, December 1993, p.5-6.

It details information found on the David and William Byers family grave stones at the Beersheba Cemetery in York County, SC.

See also <http://www.byersstl.com/tvb/>

“In 1792 ... The Pastor suggested that we put a box in the cemetery for someone to find and it would be a monument to God. When it was found it would be published and be made known to all. The Pastor prayed. Whoever found it would have it published as soon as possible. Amen.

“A family record was buried in the cemetery. It is buried beneath a stone lying south of the stone that has the family record on it. It was purchased in 1725 in Milltown, County Cavan, Ireland. It was from Smithfield in London and is 12 x 13 inches and is 3 inches thick and bound in leather and linen paper stock. They were put by the West wall near the gate, about 50 feet to the North. They lie just South of the new section opened in 1784. (Additional sections were added on the West side in latter years).

“We took the family record and put it in a metal box fifteen by fifteen by nine inches deep. It is lined with copper and wrapped in leather. It weighs twenty-two pounds. The box contains letters, notes, paper money, coins, bric-a-brac, military medals and records. It contains many pieces of jewellery and rings.

“They are twenty feet west of David Byers' grave stone. They are ten feet south of Elizabeth Byers' grave stone. They are buried 12 inches underground. [These stones are in place] Many hours of time were spent in preparing them for publishing.”

Children of William and Elizabeth Walton Byers were:

Edward Byers 1761 to 1832
Nancy Ann Byers 1763 to 1818
William Byers, Jr. 1765 to 1816
Lorena Byers 1767 to 1837
Elizabeth Walton Byers 1769 to 1852
Susannah Byers 1771 to 1844
David Byers 1774 to 1862

They're also listed at

<http://www.garrisonlogan.org/getperson.php?personID=I765&tree=garlogtr>

Edward Byers, b. 5 Dec 1761, d. 13 Mar 1832 – Age: 70 years

Nancy Agnes Byers, b. 1763, d. 20 May 1818 – Age: 55 years

William Byers, Jr, b. 9 Apr 1765, York Co, South Carolina, USA , d. 24 Aug 1816
– Age: 51 years

Lorena Byers, b. 29 Jan 1767, d. 31 Jan 1837 – Age: 70 years
Elizabeth Walton Byers, b. 15 Sep 1769, d. 21 Jul 1852 – Age: 82 years
Susannah Byers, b. 12 Mar 1771, York Co, South Carolina, USA , d. 3 Apr 1844,
York Co, South Carolina, USA – Age: 73 years
David Byers, b. 3 Oct 1774, York Co, South Carolina, USA , d. 16 Aug 1862,
York Co, South Carolina, USA – Age: 87 years

A rich listing of Byers information is available at <http://logan-family.org/doc/byars.html>

Parker, Elmer Oris, *Captain William Byers of the Revolution*, *Chester District Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Richburg, SC, Vol. 9, No. 1, Mar 1985, p.2-4.

An article entitled *Captain William Byers of the Revolution* by Elmer Oris Parker appeared in the March 1985 issue of the Chester District Genealogical Society Bulletin. This article is consistent in many of the details listed in Elmer O. Parker's later article published in 2000 (see below). One significant difference is that it indicates that William Byers was born about 1730 "in north of Ireland" rather than eastern Pennsylvania. This same conclusion was reached by Thurlo Byers (see – <http://www.byersstl.com/tvb/Art/1-24.pdf> Page 1 of 24).

Parker's article also details Capt. William Byers's children as follows:

1. Edward (5 Dec 1761-13 Mar 1832), married (1) May 4, 1786, Martha "Patsy" Alexander (1767-11 Sept 1794), daughter of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Alexander; married (2) Aug 16, 1796, Elizabeth, "Betsy" Byars (1776-8 Oct 1803), daughter of William Byers (1747-1837), and married (3) May 10, 1804, Mrs. Mary "Polly" (Smith) Chambers (6 Oct 1773-3 June 1849), widow of James Chambers (1771-28 June 1803).
2. Nancy "Ann" Agnes (1763-20 May 1818), married 1783, Maj. Adam Meek (1760-1807).
3. William, Jr. (9 Apr 1765-24 Aug 1816), married (1), Catharine Hope (1776-1815), and (2), Sarah, surname unknown.
4. Lorena (29 Jan 1767-31 Jan 1837), married 1784, Capt. Thomas Woods (1758-1834); moved in 1804 to Christian County, Kentucky, and in 1816 to Dallas County, Alabama.
5. Elizabeth (15 Sept 1769-21 July 1852), married 1788, Ephraim McLean (1768-1813), son of Col. Charles McLean, who lived next to Captain Byers in 1767, but later moved to vicinity of Crowder's Mountain in Lincoln County, N.C., and in 1796 to Logan County Kentucky. Ephraim, first ordained minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Elizabeth were the parents of John McLean (1791-1830), first U.S. Congressman from Illinois and U.S. Senator; Dr. William Byers McLean (1792-1846) for who McLeansboro Illinois was named; and Finis Ewing McLean (1806-1881), U.S. Congressman from Kentucky.
6. Susan (12 Mar 1771-3 Apr 1844), married January 21, 1790, Capt. James Meek (1758-1819), brother of Adam Meek.
7. David (3 Oct 1774-16 Aug 1862), married August 27, 1795, Mary Gordon (1779-1867), daughter of Henry Gordon, and step-daughter of John McCaw.

(Info from <http://logan-family.org/doc/byars.html>):

Parker, Elmer O., *Captain William Byers*, Chester District Genealogical Society Bulletin, Richburg, SC, Vol. 24, No. 3, Sept. 2000, p.109-11.

Some details from that article are as follows:

- William Byers was born about 1730 apparently in eastern Pennsylvania and may have been a grandson of William Byers to whom 200 acres were surveyed in Chester (now Delaware) County on January 17, 1683/4.
- In 1762, William's older brother David and sister Sarah (wife of Samuel Porter) were residing in York (now Adams) County near present Gettysburg. David's wife was Margaret Carson.
- David migrated to South Carolina and bought land on Turkey Creek in present York County in 1764 (he is shown on the deed as being from York County, Pennsylvania).
- William had removed earlier to the Shenandoah Valley and settled in Augusta (now Rockbridge) County Virginia. Here in the vicinity of Natural Bridge on Cedar Creek in the forks of the James River, 335 acres were surveyed for him in 1755.
- William married Elizabeth Walton and after the birth of their first three children moved about 1765 to what is now York County, SC and settled on the headwaters of Bullocks Creek.
- In 1775, William went to Charles Town and registered 1370 acres for himself, and 790 for his brother David.
- The article includes details of his Revolutionary War service.
- Following the war he moved down Bullocks Creek to the vicinity of the present village of Sharon.
- He was an elder in the Beersheba Presbyterian Meeting House in 1785 and for many years afterwards.
- In 1797 he deeded by gift his home to his son William, Jr.
- The date of his death has been lost but it appears to have been in 1799.
- The article indicates that William and Elizabeth moved from VA to NC after the birth of their first three children, but the only child named in the article is William, Jr.

An article by Dorothy Eubanks Hays, entitled *William Byars/Byers of the Revolutionary War Period*, appeared in the April 1985 issue of *Upper South Carolina Genealogy and History*, Spartanburg, SC, Vol 3, No 2, Apr 1985, p.35-40. This article details seven different William Byars/Byers.

This is a summary of one of those Williams
(from <http://logan-family.org/doc/byars.html>)

III: Capt. William Byers, born ca. 1730 Ireland, to Pa. with father, then to Va., came to York Co., SC ca. 1765. (brother, David Byers, also Rev War soldier, came to York Co., SC, ca. 1765). Married ca. 1760 Elizabeth Walton of Rockbridge, Va. She was born ca. 1740, died ca. 1795.

Children were as follows:

Edward Byers, born 5 Dec. 1761 Augusta Co., Va, died 13 March 1832, York Co., SC. Married 1st: Martha Alexander, 2nd: Elizabeth Byers (1st cousin), 3rd: Mary (Polly Smith) Chambers.

Nancy Byers, born 1763, Va., died 20 May 1818, York Co. SC. Married major Adam Meek.

William Byers, Jr., born 9 April 1765, Va., died 24 Aug. 1816. Married Sarah Hope.

Lorena Byers, born 29 Jan. 1767, York Co., SC, died 21 July 1837, Dallas Co. Ala.
Married Capt. Thomas Wood.

Elizabeth Byers, born 15 Sept. 1769, York Co., SC, died 21 July 1852, Logan, Co.,
Ky. Married Rev. Ephraim McLean.

Susannah Byers, born 12 March 1771, York Co., SC, died 3 April 1844, York Co.,
SC. Married Capt. James Meek, brother of Maj. Adam Meek.

David Byers, born 3 Oct. 1774, York Co., SC, died 16 Aug 1862, York Co., SC.
Married Mary Gordon.

The following information is from <http://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Byers-463>

There's a Samuel Byers, born c.1719 in Chester Co., PA., "where the family had been for several generations".

In 1750 he married Jane White in Chester, PA. She was the daughter of Thomas and Ann White. He died in April 1796 at Washington County, PA. He was buried at the Old Byers Burying Ground, East Finley Township, Washington County, PA.

This next document is from:

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William Byers

Born April 6, 1747 in York County, Pennsylvania

Resided in York District, South Carolina, when he enlisted

Came to Williamson County in 1810

BYERS, WILLIAM

Private – Sergeant, South Carolina Line

\$24.48 Annual Allowance

\$73.44 Amount Received

Pension started Age 87 (1835 TN Pension Roll)

State of Tennessee))

Williamson County)) S.S.

On this 12th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Williamson now sitting William Byers a resident of the state and county aforesaid aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act passed June 7 1832 That he was born on the 6th day of April 1747 in York County Pennsylvania, and removed from there with his

father in 1765 to what is now called York District South Carolina. The first service rendered by him in the defence of his country was against the Cherokee Indians at {?} Old Town on the head waters of the Savannah river, where the americans burned seven towns belonging to the indians, destroyed their corn, killed some fens skulking Indians, and took some of them prisoner. Wm. Byers Sr. his uncle, was his captain, and Col. Neil was commander of the regiment to which his company belonged. His second tour was the Stone campaign in Col. Neil's regiment his captains name not recollected. During the campaign he was principally engaged with [illegible] and team, hauling baggage for the army, he was also engaged in hauling arms with six other wagons besides his own from Charleston to Augusta, to supply the soldiers in Gen. Lincolns army who then at that place, but before they reached there, an express was sent informing them that Gen Lincolns army had left Augusta; they then followed the express and overtook the army somewhere near Savannah, the precise place not recollected. In 1780 he was pressed by the Americans, and went with his wagon and team to the northward he thinks it was to Wilmington for Salt[?], to supply the country and the army, this was during the time the British were in Charleston. He was after this engaged under Col. Bratton in Gen Greenes army below the Conagree and then with scouting parties through the country until after the battle at Guilford. To the best of his recollection he has served in all ten or eleven months. Constitutional weakness, the effects of dicar[?] produced by the fatigues he underwent during his several campaigns, and the natural infirmities of old age, have greatly impaired his recollections, thereby preventing him from mentioning[?] many incidents, which could otherwise have been brought in to confirm the statements made in his declaration. In October 1810 he removed from York District South Carolina, to Williamson County, State of Tennessee, where he now resides.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state whatever.

[signed] William Byers

Sworn to and subscribed))

in open court the day and))

year aforesaid))

[signed] Thos Hardimon Clk &c

State of Tennessee))

Williamson County))

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Williamson aforesaid William Byers who, being duly sworn, deposite and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned before and in the following grades; For one month and five days I served as a sergeant for 5 months and twenty six days I served as a private M 5 D 8 wagoner[?] making in all a period of service of (not less than) ten months and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me))

this 10th day of May 1833))

[signed] Nicholas Perkins J. P. c

[signed] William Byers

State of Tennessee))

Williamson County))

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for the County of Williamson aforesaid William Byers who being duly sworn, deposite and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned before and in the following grades; For one month and five days I served as a sergeant

for five months and eighteen days I served as a private; and three months and eight days as a waggoner; and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me))

this 18th day of May 1833))

[signed] Nicholas Perkins J. P.

[signed] William Byers

State of Tennessee))

Williamson County))

I Nicholas Perkins an acting Justice of the peace in [&] for the county of Williamson aforesaid, do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with William Hope whose signature and certificate appear within, for many years, and that he has always been reputed a man of veracity [&] that would place implicit confidence in his statements In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name this 18 day of October 1833.

[signed] Nicholas Perkins J. P.

October 25, 1937

Reverend Travis M. Byars
722 Protective Life Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

Reference: is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Jonas Byars who was born near Spartanburg, South Carolina, in 1790, son of William Byars and wife, Elizabeth Bedford, who resided in Morgan District, North Carolina, in that same year

A Jonas Byars born in 1790 would not have been a Revolutionary War soldier. Believing you may have meant the Revolutionary war record of his father, the records were searched under both names and no Revolutionary War record of Jonas Byars is on file, nor of a William Byars of North Carolina. The record has been found of a William Byers of South Carolina, which is given herein as found in pension claim, S. 3112, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

William Byers was born April 6, 1747, in York County, Pennsylvania; in 1765, he moved with his father to a section which was later called York District, South Carolina. The names of his parents were not given.

While living in York District, South Carolina, William Byers rendered service in defense of his country under Captain William Byers, Senior (his uncle), in Colonel Neel's South Carolina regiment, against the Cherokee Indians at Keowee Old Town, on the headwaters of the Savannah River, where he assisted in burning seven Indian towns, destroyed their corn, killing a few Indians and taking other prisoners. He next served in the Stono Campaign, again in Colonel Neel's South Carolina regiment, as a wagoner engaged in hauling baggage and arms for the army from Charleston to Augusta, dates of his first two enlistments not stated. In 1780, when the British occupied Charleston, he enlisted to go to Wilmington, again engaged in hauling supplies. He afterwards served under Colonel Bratton on scouting parties through the country until after the battle of Guilford, amounting in all to ten of eleven months' service, which was rendered as a private and sergeant.

William Byers moved in October, 1816, from York District, South Carolina, to Williamson County, Tennessee.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed October 12, 1832, while a resident of Williamson County, Tennessee. He signed William Byers.

William Byers married prior to 1772. The name of his wife was not given and no reference was made to children.

In order to obtain date of last payment of pension, the name and address of the person paid and possibly the date of death of this soldier, you should write to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following data; William Byers, certificate #25498, issued January 18, 1834, rate \$24.48 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act June 7, 1832, Western Tennessee Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. Hiller
Executive Assistant
to the administrator

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/show?uri=http%3A%2F%2Fcatalog-search-api%3A8080%2Fwww-catalogapi-webservice%2Fitem%2F1325051>

Capt. William Byers of Augusta Co. VA & York Co. SC & descendants by Byers, Thurlo V., (1923-1998)

<http://www.ramblingroots.com/RYB-p/p2435.htm> re Col William Byars (1776-1866)

<http://www.memoriallibrary.com/CO/1898DenverPB/pages/pbrd0144.htm>

re William N. Byers (late 19th century, Denver)

This from: **<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/ugapressbks/pdfs/ugp9780820334394.pdf>**

Persons who went from Europe to Georgia on their own account

167. Byers, Will.—Servt. to Will. & Hugh Sterling; arrived 30 June 1734.

This next is from: **<http://genforum.genealogy.com/cgi-bin/print.cgi?patton::4606.html>**

Chester Co. Tax lists p.3 has James Buyers in East Nottingham in 1735

Lancaster Co. – Pequea Church charter. Salisbury Twp.
Trustees include Robert Buyers

Lancaster Co. Penna. Probate - Wills

Mary Patten of Dunigall Twp., dated 6 Jan. 1746/47, probated 10 Jan 1746/47, appointed "my Loving friend John Byers" executor. Bequests to servant John Boggs (indenture lodged with andw Galbreath); friend Mary Cafsen; friend Esebell Miller; friend wm Allisens eldest children 2 L each also his son Richard. Wit- James alison, David Byers. She signed by mark.

1747- Lanc. Orphan's court- John Boggs, minor legatee of James Patten dec'd. chuses John Byers his guardian. (Misc bk I,

Robert Patton, Sadsburry Twp., dated 25 Oct. 1755, probated 4 Dec 1755. Exec- John Byers and James Whitehill. Children- Mary, Esther (Williams), Jean (Finney), Margaret, and Lattis (Byers).