

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Briant VAS2637
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).

To the Governor of Virginia

The petition of the heirs of Lieut Thomas Briant of the State Garrison regiment respectfully states.

That their ancestor entered the Service at a very early period of the war. They file herewith the Affidavit of William Tucker [S7764] who was a private in the same regiment, state that he entered the service in 1778 & continued in it till 1781 at which time he left Thomas Briant in it. He is positive Lieut Bryant served more than three years.

Carter Croxton Sen'r. [S9250] was intimately acquainted with Lieut. Bryant & knew that he served more than three years

Jno. Armstrong [John Armstrong S6529] also certifies that he belonged to Capt Opie Davenports [Obediah Davenport] Company, in which Corps Thomas Bryant held the Commission of Lieutenant & served upwards of three years.

Lieut. Thomas Briant has also received from the State of Virginia a large amount of Depreciated money advanced to him at the time he was in Commission.

They have never received any of the bounty in Lands which was promised to their ancestor. They very respectfully ask an allowance of their claim for the Land Bounty promised him.

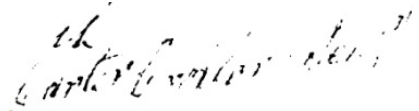
Thomas Green/ Atto for the Petitioners

I hereby certify that I [was a] private in the company commanded by capt Opie Davenport, which belonged to the State Garrison regiment in the revolutionary war, and I also certify that Thos Bryant from Richmond County was first Lieutenant in our company and that he served three years which was the term the s'd regiment was raised for John Armstrong
[Essex County, 20 Aug 1832]



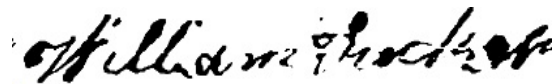
I was acquainted with Thos [page torn]nt in the revolutionary war He was a [Lie]utenant in the State Garrison regiment [page torn] I cannot say how long he served, but know well that he served more than three years. I belonged to the State artillery, & was often with the troops that Bryant was with
Carter Croxton Sen'r

[Essex County Va, 15 Jan 1833]



I certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Bryant in the revolutionary war. I enlisted for three years in the state's service in september 1778, under Lt Jno Vaughn [John Vaughan R18674] and served in the company of capt Drew [Thomas H. Drew R13852], in the State Garrison regiment. When I entered the service, I joined Thomas Bryant acting as lieutenant in the company of capt Opie Davenport. I continued in the same regiment with Bryant till the term of my enlistment expired in 1781, when I left the service, & left the said Thomas Bryant then in service, acting as an officer. I have no hesitation whatever in saying the said Lt Bryant served three years, because, I served that period with him myself, & he was in service before me & I left him there. William Tucker

[Caroline County, 11 Sep 1833]



NOTE: The file also contains copies of accounts for an Ensign Thomas Bryant 1779 and 1781.