

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Parmenas Bryant R1385

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State of Virginia } S.S.

County of Nelson }

On this twenty second day of July, 1853 before me, Alexander Brown, a Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Margaret Bryant, a resident of the County of Nelson, aged eighty four years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Parmenas Bryant who was a private in the army of the Revolution, that towards the close of the war, he was drafted, and marched into service, in a company commanded by Captain Richardson (or Richeson) from the County of Fluvanna and State of Virginia – that when in service he was taken sick, returned home on a sick furlough, and before his health was sufficiently re-established to enable him to return to his company, peace was made.

She further declares that she was married to the said Parmenas Bryant on the eighteenth day of November, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight, that her husband, the aforesaid Parmenas Bryant died on the eighth day of March, 1823; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four viz: at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

Margaret herXmark Bryant

State of Virginia, Nelson County SS.

The affidavit of Sylvanus Bryant, of lawful age, taken before me Charles N Patteson a Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1853

This affiant being duly sworn, says, that during the revolutionary war he resided with his Mother in the County of Fluvanna and State of Virginia, that towards the close of the war, he being then upwards of fourteen years of age, he well recollects, that his oldest brother Parmenas Bryant was drafted into service, that he marched from Fluvanna in a company, commanded by Captain Richardson (or Richeson) – being young at the time, he does not recollect where they were to go, but some time afterwards, his brother, the said Parmenas Bryant, was taken sick in the service, returned home on a sick furlough, and before he got well enough to return to his duty, peace was made. He further states that some time afterwards his Mother and all the family removed to the County of Nelson, that his brother Parmenas Bryant was married in the year 1788 and died in the year [blank] leaving his widow, Margaret Bryant who is still living.

Ans further this affiant saith not:

Sylvanus hisXmark Bryant

NOTE: The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 15 Nov 1788 by Parmeneas Bryant and John Bibb for the marriage of "Parmeneas Bryant Batchelor" to "Peggy Bibb Spinster," both of Amherst County.