

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Briant (Bryant) Mooney R7310

Margaret Mooney f53GA/VA

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State of Illinois Adams County: County Commissioners Court Adams County Illinois In Term  
June 3rd A.D. 1844

And now on this 3rd day of June A.D. 1844 at the said County of Adams in the State of Illinois personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the said County Commissioners Court of said Adams County in open Court said Court being a court of record, (as declared by the law creating it) -- Margaret Mooney a resident of said County of Adams, aged 75 years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions 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 Bryant or Briant Mooney who was a private in the Army of the revolution, and enlisted in the Virginia line, on State Troops a short time after the commencement of the War, and served until near the close of the war, she does not recollect any of the officers he served under, except one of the lieutenants by the name of Francis Baldwin,<sup>1</sup> he was in the battle of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776] in South Carolina, she begs leave to refer to the records of the Virginia line and State Troops as to the particulars of her husband's service. She further states that he served as long or longer than 5 years: -- she further states that she was married to Briant Mooney her deceased husband on this 7th day of March 1793 by publication, in the State of Georgia: And that he died on the 12th day of June 1826, -- she further states that she was not married prior to her husband's leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated and that she has not intermarried, but is still living the widow of the above named Briant Mooney.

Witness S/ N. S. Cooley

S/ Margaret Mooney, X her mark

Subscribed & sworn before me and Adams County this 3rd day of June A.D. 1844

S/ William Richards, One of the Judges of the County Commissioners court Adams County  
Illinois

[p 3: On August 10, 1852 in Madison County Illinois, John T. Lusk [could be John T. Susk] made oath that he knew Bryant Mooney during his lifetime and that said Mooney was always recognized and reputed to be a revolutionary soldier; that affiant came to Illinois in March 1805 and that Bryant Mooney and his wife Margaret lived within 3 miles of Edwardsville; that

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<sup>1</sup> Francis Baldwin was commissioned an ensign in the 8<sup>th</sup> VA Regiment on the Continental Establishment on Feb. 1, 1777; promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. May 10, 1777; resigned May 8, 1778.

sometime in the winter of 1804 or 1805 Edith Mooney, daughter of Bryant and Margaret Mooney was born; that Edith Mooney is now Edith Stanley; that it was reputed Bryant Mooney was married in the state of Georgia; that his wife's maiden name was Margaret Gilliam; that there 2nd daughter was Mary Melinda Mooney born in Madison County in the summer of 1809.]

[p 12: copy of the last will and testament of Bryant Mooney; he says he is a resident of the County of St. Clair, State of Illinois; he believes his property to his wife Margaret and his 2 daughters Edy Stanley and Mary Melinda Mooney.]

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State of Missouri County of St. Louis } Sct.

On this 24th day of February in the year 1852 before me the undersigned a Notary Public came Margaret Mooney a resident of Quincy Adams County Illinois formerly a resident near Highland Madison County Illinois and she further states that she is the widow of Bryant Mooney deceased who was a Private in Captain Putan's [?]<sup>2</sup> Company, the name of one of the lieutenants was Frank Baldwin. He served in the Third Regiment of the State of Georgia the commander affiant verily believes was Colonel McMullen -- Bryant Mooney enlisted at the age of 15 years from the best of her knowledge he enlisted about the year 1776 and served until the year 1783. He resided in the County of Ogle [sic, Oglethorpe?] State of Georgia when he entered the service as aforesaid when he was a Private. He was engaged in the Battle of Guilford Court house North or South Carolina March 15, 1781. He was stationed a part of the time on the Delaware and Schuylkill [rivers] -- after they crossed the River in the night the next morning they had a severe battle with the British, her said husband was shot in the back. She often heard her husband say that he heard General Washington's funeral [?] address. She further declares that she was married to the said Bryant Mooney deceased in the month of March in the year 1793 in Ogle County in the State of Georgia that her husband the said Bryant Mooney died at Lebanon St. Clair County Illinois in the year 1827 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 2nd of January 1800 at the time above stated affiant further states that she resided with her son-in-law, Stanley now St. Clair Madison County Illinois for the space of 2 years, and that she is still his widow to wit the widow of Bryant Mooney deceased.

S/ Margaret Mooney, X her mark

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<sup>2</sup> The War Department interpreted this name as Captain Paton