

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bryant S12299

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Alabama }

Jackson County } On this 22nd day of February in the Year AD 1838

Personally appeared in open Court before me Thompson M Rector Judge of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid John Bryant a resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid Aged Eighty four years who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passd June the 7th 1832 (towit) That he was drafted into the service of the United States for three months under Captain Anthony Winston under whom he served a tower of three months at the time of entering said service he was a resident citizen of the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia & was marched by said Capt. to Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point of James River in Surry County] where they spent some time & the the only troop stationed at that point was the regiment to which he belonged the said regiment was commanded by a colonel whose name he cannot recollect The Major in command there was [blank] Jones his Lieutenant was by the name of Sap Walker & his Ensign John Ganaway We marched from thence to Coopers Mill There we remained until our term of three months service expired and received a written discharge from said Captain They ware in no engagements with the enemy from the place last mentioned they marched home and again he states that about the 20th of August following then being a resident of the said County of Buckingham State of Virginia he was drafted for a tower of three months under Captain John Mosely and marched to Little York before arving at that place they joined the army & marched to that place with them he cannot recollect the principle officers that commanded at that place the number of the regiment to which he belonged he cannot recollect but believes it was No 7 They continued at the place last mentioned until the surrender of Cornwallice [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] & after that he with others guarded the prisoners to the barrax near Winchester in Virginia at which place they ware stationed until their term of three months expired & was then discharged at Little York The army was commanded in person by General G Washington he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declairs that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of February 1838

John hisXmark Bryant

Interragatory 1st

Where & in what year ware you born

Ans In Albemarl [sic: Albemarle] County, Virginia and thinks in the year 1754.

2 have you any record of your age and if so where is it

ans. I have no record of my age I did have but it was distroyd.

3 Where ware you living when called into survice where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans When I entered the survice both times I lived in Buckingham County State of Virginia Since the revolutionary war I have lived in Lincoln County Kentucky Adier [sic: Adair] County in the same State) Lincoln County Tennessee Then Jackson County Alabama then back to Lincoln County Tennessee then Jackson County Alabama where I lived about twelve years then to Franklin County Tennessee then back to Jackson County Alabama where I now live

4th how ware you called into survice ware you drafted did you volunter or ware you a substitute & if a substitute for whom

ans. I was drafted both times as before stated

- 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service
- ans. I cannot recollect the names of many of the officers my Captains were Anthony Winston & John Mosely Maj'r. Jones commanded in the regiment to which I belonged I believe the seventh I cannot recollect the numbers of any of the regiments) Generals Washington & [Robert] Lawson are the only officers I can at present recollect and the general circumstances of my service are embodied in my declaration
- 6th did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it
- ans. I did receive 2 discharges one from Capt Anthony Winston & the other from Capt John Mosely the first of which has been burned & the other lost or mislaid some way
- 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution
- Ans. Ludwell L Rector Thos Fondeau Robert Proctor Sen'r. William L Snodgrass Ben'n. Snodgrass applicant states that he knows no witness in this state by whom he can prove his services there did live in the state of Kentucky some years ago by whom he could have proved it but whether they are yet living he does not know
- John hisXmark Bryant

State of Alabama } On this 12th day of May 1838 personally appeared in open Court before me
 Jackson County } Thompson M Rector Judge of the County Court in and for said County John
 Bryant a resident citizen of said County aged eighty four years the 5th of November next who being first
 duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following supplementary declaration intended as
 a supplement to a declaration by him heretofore made forwarded on now on file in the pension office of
 the War Department in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed
 June 7th 1832. Then being a citizen of the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia that he entered
 the service of the United States as a militia man (that being his first tour) he thinks some where between
 the first and twentieth day of January 1781. as a proof of that he says he got home on Easter Monday of
 that year [16 Apr] from said first tour of three months States that he cant speak with much certainty as
 to the particular purpose for which the troops with whom he marched this tour was called out
 he states that the British were then in some portion of the country and others were daily expected to come
 in. he then supposes and still does that the troops with whom he served this first tour in his original
 declaration mentioned were intended to meet such as were then in the country and oppose them in their
 ravages and to oppose such as were on their way and prevent them making the inroads upon the
 country and those are the only reasons in addition to what he has heretofore given that he can now
 possibly give and hopes that what he has now stated will be a sufficient answer to the two first
 interrogatories propounded as to the time he entered the services and the object &c His reason for not
 making an earlier application to obtain his pension are as follows (to Wit) first some two or three years
 after the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1838 [sic] he was taken sick and confined for something like two
 years and for some time after was quite enfeebled and unable to attend to business of such a nature but so
 soon as he was able to do so did but he stated that prior to the time of his illness and not long after the
 passage of said Act of Congress he employed one Col M Tall of Winchester Tennessee to prepare his
 papers and for the purpose of getting them attended at Winchester Tennessee & on different times but
 that Col Tall had not nor did he at any time prepare them for him and that after he recovered from his
 illness and got so he could attend to business he went and called upon one Esqr Patrick of Tennessee who
 after some time prepared his papers and when he received them Esqr Patrick inform him that he was
 apprehensive that the declaration was improperly drawn and advised him not to send it but to get some
 one who would understand better how such business should be done, at that time he was preparing to
 remove to Jackson County Alabama where he now lives and where he had family lived it was then out of

his power to attend to it in Tennessee and that as soon as he got to Alabama and settled he had his papers prepared and forward[?], and that he could not do so sooner then he did under all the circumstances under which he labored &c

John hisXmark Bryant

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