

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Bryant S16657

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Tennessee } October Sessions 1832

Greene County }

On this 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County before the Justices of said Court Thomas Bryant a resident citizen of said County aged seventy three years the 3d day of March last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

That he was born in Northumberland County in the State of Virginia on the third day of March in the year 1759 near the mouth of the Potomac and he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated to wit

He enlisted at Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Courthouse in the State of Virginia under Capt John Pope of Louisa County in the month of December (as well as he remembers the month) 1776 for the Term of three years in the 11th Regiment continental troops and about a month after he inlisted he marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and there he joined Capt Popes company under Lieutenant Pettit and shortly afterwards was attached to the company of Captain John Camp Colonel Merrywether [sic: Thomas Meriwether] commanded the Regiment, (tho his name may have been Merywether) Major [Haynes] Morgan commanded in that Regiment part of the time. He remained with the troops from January 1777 at Williamsburgh until July in the year 1778 and then under the command of Capt Camp he was marched with the company by Middlebrook [NJ] to Long Island in the State of New York and from Long Island part of the company to which he belonged including this Applicant returned to the State of Virginia where in the month of February following he was placed on the duty of guarding the prisoners in Albemarle County Virginia [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779] until his three years expired, the term for which he inlisted, and he served his full term for three years and was discharged by Colo Cole or Coles Capt Fisher Rice and Colo Harvey command whilst he was stationed in Albemarle County Virginia He was not in any battles during his service He left his discharge at Redstone on the Ohio River [sic: probably Redstone Fort, now Brownsville PA on Monongahela River] in the year 1782 and he has not seen it since and expects it has been lost long since He further states that within a month after he returned from the service as before stated to his residence he was drafted in the Militia for a three months tour of duty under Capt Elijah Kirkley [sic: Elijah Kirtley] Lieutenant Harry Walker [Henry Walker] Colo James Barbour and was discharged at Johnsons Springs 25 miles from Richmond Virginia but did not serve out the three months

After he was discharged that time he went on to Richmond Virginia and there substituted in the Regular Service in the place of Joseph Snider for eight months and was in a short time after sent to Liberty where he was kept until the end of his time runing bullets and musket balls for the use of the Army and in all he served nearly or quite four years

He has not any documentary evidence to prove his service nor has he any witnesses to prove his service except the affidavits of John Day, James Lay & John Pougue Jr hereto annexed He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or its agency There is not any resident minister in his vicinity who can testify for him Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 24th day of October 1832

Thomas hisXmark Bryant

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia at <http://image.lva.virginia.gov/Microfilm/Revolution/RR/003/00256.tif> through <http://image.lva.virginia.gov/Microfilm/Revolution/RR/003/00260.tif>]

State of North Carolina }  
Wilkes County }

On this the first day of August 1821, personally appeared before me John Finley a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Wilkes aforesaid Thomas Bryant aged about sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according, doth on his oath make the following declaration towit that he the said Thomas Bryant enlisted about the year 1779 as well as he recollects in the County of Culpepper in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Capt John Pope in the first Regiment of Virginia troops on continental establishment commanded he believes by Colonel Morgan; that he continued in said corps for the term of three years and nine months when he was discharged at Richmond in the State of Virginia; that he obtained an honorable discharge from Colonel Cole or Coles; that about the year 1783 he was in Beeson's Town [now Uniontown] in Pennsylvania where he left his discharge and clothing with an intention of returning for the purpose of residing, but that he has since never returned and has consequently heard nothing of his discharge: that he is informed and verily believes that he is now entitled to a bounty in Land granted by the State of virginia amounting to one hundred or one hundred and sixty acres; that for the purpose of obtaining said bounty in Land from the government of virginia he now makes application to and hopes the Governor and Council of that State will take his case into consideration and grant whatever may be just and due. Thomas hisXmark Bryant

On the same day and year above written appeared before me John Finley a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid Jeremiah Crissel of the County and State aforesaid, aged about sixty one years who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith that he was well acquainted with the aforesaid Thomas Bryant; that they were raised in about two miles of each other in the County of Culpepper in the State of Virginia; that he saw the aforesaid Thomas Bryant while he was in the service of the United States on continental establishment as above mentioned at Richmond; that shortly after he was discharged, the said Bryant obtained his discharge and returned to the County of Culpepper in Virginia; that he has resided in North Carolina about thirty years; that about six years after his removal, the said Bryant also removed to the County of Burke in said State; that they have been well acquainted ever since, and he knows the aforesaid Thomas Bryant to be the same person described in the above affidavit.

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NOTES:

The following letter was apparently written by Thomas Bryant. November the 27<sup>th</sup> day 1842./  
Missouri Daviess County

Mr Thomas D. Arnold/ Dear sir after my best respects To you I will inform you that through kind providence I have landed in Missouri Davess Cty eight miles South of Gallatin and have had Better health through the fatiege than I could of Expected hoping these may find you in good health and prosperous condition the times here is very hard with Respects to mony matters Every thing Else is very plenty and the health good I have not seen Enough of the country to saey much though wat I have seen I am well pleased with Believeing it be the greatest farming county I [illegible word] Ever saw and wonderful for stock that is as much as I can say Respecting this country with Regard to the Business that I spoke to you in tennessee to arrange for me I want you to [page torn] it arranged as soon as possible so that I may make my draw [of pension] in this state by the fourth of march next your compliance will confer A never forgotten favor on your friend and Ever well wisher Thomas Bryant  
Thomas D. Arnold {Direct yours to gallatin post office

On 16 April 1855 John H. Briant (as he signed), about 56, of Rhea County TN, applied for

bounty land as son and only heir of Thomas Bryant. At places on the application "Thomas" has been changed to "Jesse." This application is misfiled with pension application S39241 of Jesse Bryant.