

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Bryant S30288

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State of Kentucky: Fayette County Sct

On this 18th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Mayor of the City of Lexington, now sitting, Thomas Bryant a resident of the County of Henry and state of Kentucky, aged seventy one 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 act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That about the 1st of June 1780 he was drafted and entered the service of the United States under the following named officers: viz Capt. Jno Holliday, Lieut John Chew, Genl Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Colo George Stubblefield, Colo Joseph Spencer & Major Morris: that at the time he entered the Service he resided in Spotsylvania County Virginia: that he marched first, to Hillsborough, North Carolina and thence to Camden South Carolina and was in the battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780]: that after the battle of Camden he returned to Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

That some time in the fall of 1780 he was again drafted and entered the service of the United States under Capt. White in Colo Davis's regiment: Southall was the Major. That he went to and was stationed at Richmond Court House and was engaged most of the time in guarding the prisoners, but occasionally in guarding & transporting provisions &c: that he was drafted for eighteen months, but owing to his having been taken sick, he was discharged about two or three months before the expiration of his time which discharge was left with his fathers papers and has been lost or mislaid: He was born in Spotsylvania County Virginia in 1761 but has no record of his birth

That he served under Gen Gates [Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden] and was acquainted with Gen'ls Spottwood [sic: Alexander Spotswood] & Weeden [sic: George Weedon] of the regular army. He refers to Thomas Smith, Thomas Brown, Thomas Worldridge, James Carey and Dr Hunter, living in his immediate neighborhood as to his character for veracity & belief in his Revolutionary services.

This affiant removed from Spotsylvania to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper} County Virginia where he lived about fourteen years; that he removed thence to Tennessee where he remained about one year and from there removed to Fayette County Kentucky where he resided about four years and then removed to Henry County Kentucky where he has resided ever since, to wit about twenty years.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his having served in the Revolutionary War, but expects to be able to prove the fact by Abraham Ferguson, John Damaby, Jesse Bryant and James True.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Thomas hisXmark Bryant

Abraham Ferguson aged seventy one years, states upon oath, that he and Thomas Bryant who has made oath to the foregoing statement entered the army about the same time: that they marched together to Hillsborough North Carolina and started from thence towards Camden: that shortly after they left Hillsborough this affiant was detached to procure some provisions and left the said Tho. Bryant with the army. He recollects that Colo Stubblefield commanded the Regiment and that said Thomas Bryant served under Capt Jno Holliday.

[signed] Abr'm Fargson [see pension application of Abraham Farguson S16379]

City of Lexington } Sct.

State of Kentucky }

Amended declaration of Thomas Bryant, made this 8th day of October 1833, before C. Hunt Esq'r. Mayor of the city aforesaid, in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress of

the 7th June 1832.

Said Bryant states that the first tour which he served as detailed in his original declaration, under Capt. Holliday, was not less than five months, and his term under Capt. White was not less than fifteen months. That when he was discharged as therein mentioned, he remained at his fathers in Spottsylvania County Virginia, in the service as a waggoner under Thomas Collins & Michael Robinson, waggon masters, in which station he served not less than four months and not more than five. He was employed during that time in Spottsylvania county. He states that his answers to the several interrogatories contained in the instructions of the War Department are embodied in the original and amended declarations. He files herewith an affidavit of Joseph W Sharman, a minister of the gospel in his immediate vicinity, sworn to before Samuel Demaree Esq'r. a justice of the peace for Henry County, in which county said Bryant resides. The reason why he has made his declaration in the city of Lexington, is that the witnesses, which he relied on to prove his services, lived in Fayette County, were old men and unable to go to Henry County, and consequently said Bryant was obliged to come to Fayette County to obtain their depositions. Given under his hand in open court this day & year aforesaid & Sworn to.

Thomas hisXmark Bryant