

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Bryant S34075

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State of New Jersey [25 Mar 1818]

Hunterdon County Ss Before me James Ewing one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in said County of Hunterdon, personally appeared Jonathan Bryant of the city of Trenton in said County a person to me well known and worthy of Credit, who being duly sworn &c deposeth and saith that he served in the United States in the War of the Revolution, that he served on year and eight months in the fast service under Captain Newell in Col. [Israel] Hutchinson's Regiment of the Massachusett's line and was discharged from that Regiment in the year 1776, that he then enlisted for three years in Captain Lewis's troop of Horse in Col. Bailey [sic: George Baylor's] Regiment of the Virginia Line, in which troop he served during the full term of enlistment and was honorably discharged in the city of Philadelphia on the 13 day of December 1779 that his discharges have been destroyed & that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for his support. [signed] J. Bryant

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County of Hunterdon Ss

On this first day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the said county and created so by the laws of the said State Jonathan Bryant aged sixty five years in the month of October next, resident of the city of Trenton in said County for upwards of thirty years past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:

First. That he the said Jonathan Bryant entered and served in a volunteer company commanded by Captain Israel Newell of Lynn in the state of Massachusetts in the year 1775 and that he was one of a number who opposed the enemy on their return from Concord on the memorable 19<sup>th</sup> April of that year.  
Second. He The said Jonathan Bryant enlisted for the term of eight months in the year 1775 in the state of Massachusetts in the company commanded by the said Captain Israel Newell and was at the expiration of the time discharged in Massachusetts.

Third. The said Jonathan Bryant enlisted for the term of one year in the year 1776 in the state of Massachusetts in the company commanded by the said Capt Newell in the regiment commanded by Col Hutchinson in the line of the state of Massachusetts that he continued to serve in the said Corps until after the capture of the Hessians at Trenton [26 Dec 1776] when he was discharged from the said service at Newton in Pennsylvania.

Fourth. The said Jonathan Bryant then enlisted for the term of three years in the spring of 1777 in the State of Pennsylvania in the first troop of Dragoons commanded by Captain James Washington Lewis in the third Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Bailey, that he continued to serve in the said corps untill December 1779 when he was discharged from the said service in Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania.

The present applicant having made his declaration for inscription on the pension list on the twenty-fifth day of march eighteen hundred and eighteen did obtain a certificate for his revolutionary claim in conformity with the law of the United States of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 dated the eighteenth day of December 1818 and numbered 4.935 wherein he is stated to be inscribed on the pension list Roll of the New Jersey agency at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence on the twenty fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part

thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of the whole property, real and personal, belonging to the said Jonathan Bryant on the first day of August 1820 necessary clothing and bedding excepted.

One stove and pipe valued @. .	\$12.00
“ old chun[?] table. . . . .	1.50
“ rush bottom chair. . . . .	.50
“ axe. . . . .	.50
Two Hoes. . . . .	.50
One shovel. . . . .	<u>.37½</u>
	\$15.37½

The Declarant in order to enable the Department to judge of the justness of his application, further states that his occupation is a shoemaker, but by a fall, he fractured the bones of his right hand from whence proceeds a lameness, which precludes the possibility of pursuing it. His family including himself is composed of three although the number may be small, yet they from inability are expensive: his wife Jane Bryant who completed her sixty fifth year in June last, and her grand child Jane Ann Davenport in her twelfth year, both complaining , the former from age, the latter by the delicacy of constitution are component parts of his family; and so great has been (and without government charity) will be again the necessities of his [illegible word], that private donation of the first necessities publicly given, has been the relief your applicant has experienced.

[signed] J. Bryant