

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bryant S39215

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State of South Carolina District of Edgefield: SS

On this 22nd day of July 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the judges of the Court of Ordinary for the said District, personally appears William Bryant aged sixty-six years, resident in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" That he the said William Bryant enlisted in Orangeburg in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John P Williams [John Pugh Williams] of the light Infantry; that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the winter of 1779 having served two years and a half, when he was discharged from service at the White Plains State of New York – that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] where he was wounded in the right hand by a small shot from a musket (as he supposes) and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Simkins, O. E. D.

S/ William Bryant, X his mark

State of South Carolina Edgecombe District: Before me Christian Breithauph [?] one of the Justices of the Quorum for said District Personally appears the within named William Bryant, who being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath declare that the Company of light Infantry in which this deponent served along to the fifth Regiment commanded principally by Colonel Buncombe [Edward Buncombe], Lieutenant Colonel Ervin [Henry Irwin] and under the orders of General Nash [Francis Nash] and that to the best of his recollection it belonged to the North Carolina line.

Sworn to and declared before me the fourth day of February 1819

S/ Christian Briethauph, Q. U.

S/ William Bryant, X his mark

State of South Carolina District of Edgefield: On this fourth day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said District in State William Bryant aged sixty-nine years resident on the waters of Horn Creek in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, the is: in the 5th Regiment North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Buncombe, in Captain John P Williams' Company. That he is now on the pension roll by virtue of the act of the

18th of March 1818, that his Certificate for a pension is dated the 24th day of March 1819, that his pension commenced on the 22nd day of July 1818 and that he has already received his pension from that period till the 4th of March 1820 – And he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that h has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the following schedule viz.

One Cow and one yearling about	\$20.00
One rifle gun	15.00
two pots and one of oven	4.00
one spinning wheel & cards	3.00
one pine table	1.50
one weeding hoe	.50
one sow, for shoats & four pigs	12.00
twenty fowls	2.50
a half dozen old chairs	<u>3.00</u>
	\$61.50

That he owes on the above about \$25

That he has a wife who is very often sick and three children for two of whom he has to provide their support, that he himself for better than a year is totally disabled by the ability and sickness to do any work and that if his pension is withheld he has no other prospect whatever of maintaining himself and family then by soliciting charity from his neighbors without with [which] he even now would suffer for the common necessities of life.

S/ William Bryant, X his mark

Sworn to and declared in open Court the day and year above written

S/ M. Mims, C. Cp.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 22nd, 1818, for two years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]