

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Bryant S39216

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State of South Carolina. To Wit

On this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record of Session and Common Pleas for the District of Laurens in the said State, Charles Bryant aged 57 or 58 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820; that he the said Charles Bryant enlisted for the term of [blank] on or about the [blank] day of [blank] in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Johnson in the Regiment commanded by Col. Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment and was transferred to [Lt. Col. Henry] Lee's Legion – that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the year 1782, when he was discharged from the said service in Richmond in the state of Virginia. That he was in the Battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Eutaws [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] &c and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services except the copy of a certificate of a land warrant which is herewith annexed.

and in pursuance of the act of 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 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. To Wit.

63¾ acres of Land in Greenville District in s'd State of the second & last quality. Pretty much worn worth about	\$100.00
8 Head of Horned Cattle worth about	50.00
21 Head of Hogs of different sizes worth about	21.00
One old mare	5.00
Some Plantation Tools viz. Ploughs, Hoes & Axes	8.00
Some Household furniture, viz. a Pine table, chairs, Pots, } ovens, Plates & Dishes Knives & forks &c Exclusive of } the necessary Bedding & clothing the Law allows }	20.00
The Present crop of provisions worth	50.00
Debts due me that I know of	<u>20.00</u>
	\$274.00

Debts against me, viz,	
To Archibald Young	\$30.
other small debts	70.
	<u>100.</u>
	\$174.00

A wife aged 41 years. nine children living with me viz Elizabeth Bryant aged 22 years. George aged 21 years. William aged 18. Nelly aged 14 years. John aged 12 years, Maria aged 10 years, Nancy aged 7 years Rodger aged 4 years. Joseph aged 2 years. And I the said Charles Bryant do further swear that I am so infirm in body from age & other causes that I am unable to support myself by manual labor farming being my principal occupation; that I have barely supported an existence by the help of my children. the four

first of whom are capable of rendering me some assistance, in supporting themselves & the family That I have unavoidably accumulated debts for the common necessities of life, which without a sacrifice of my present little property I am unable to discharge in which event I must necessarily be thrown upon the charity of the Public

Sworn to and declared on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty in open Court  
Charles Bryant

[On 3 April 1821 Charles Bryant submitted another application that is essentially the same as the above except that the schedule of property does not include the old mare or debts due to him, and the name "Nelly" is replaced by "Milly." On 5 Nov 1823 he made another application that is essentially identical except that his age was said to be 65 and the schedule of property was as follows:

One Bed worth about	\$20.
One Chest	2.
One plough & one Mattock	3.
One set of plough gears	1.50
About 8 barrels of corn	12.
Five head of Hogs	10.
One pot	<u>2.</u>
	\$50.50

And very ordinary wearing apparel

I have no land the Shff. of Greenville having sold the small tract of land I did own by virtue of a Fi. Fa at the suit of the Exors of G. W. Earle vs me

Debts I owe

Due Archibald Young	\$57
Due William Johnson	7
Due Alexander Savage	15
Due William Gilbert	<u>7</u>
	\$86

(signed) Charles Bryant

Also a wife aged 44 years, five children living with me, to wit, Maria Bryant aged 13 years, Nancy 10 years, Roger 7 years, Joseph 5 years, Elizabeth 24 years of age. And I the said Charles Bryant do further swear that I am so infirm in body from age and other causes that I am not able to support myself by manual labour, Farming being my principal occupation; that I have barely supported an existence by the help of my children being eight in number and three have left me; that I have unavoidably accumulated debts for the common necessities of life, which, without a sacrifice of my present little property I am unable to discharge in which event I must necessarily be thrown upon the charity of the publick.