

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Bryans S39244

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Virginia, At a Court held for the County of Botetourt the 12th day of May 1818

James Bryans an inhabitant of this County and citizen of the state appeared before this court, being a court of Record, and made oath that he served a soldier in the army of the United States in the War of the revolution, that he enlisted in the said service in the year 1776 under Captn. Wm. McKee [William McKee] for the term of two years – that Captn. McKee was stationed at Point Pleasant in Virginia. That during the time of his service, Captn. Andrew Wallace came to Point Pleasant, & such soldiers as chose had permission to join him & serve out the time of their enlistment in the regular army – that he the said Bryans did join the said Wallace & became attached to the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the War of the Revolution, commanded by Colo. James Wood. That he continued in the regular army about 18 or 20 months, that he was regularly discharged from the army. That he placed his discharge in the hands of Colo. George Hancock then a member of Congress, & that he has since never been able to regain it. The said Bryans further saith that he is now in such indigent circumstances as to need the assistance of his country for support

Henry Bowyer [pension application W5859] made oath that he was Lieutenant & Adjutant in the 12th Virg'a. Regiment commanded by Colo. James Wood on Continental establishment in the army of the Revolution, that said James Bryans was a Soldier in Captn. Andrew Wallace's company in said Regiment, that s'd. Bryans continued to serve in that Reg't. untill the fall of 1778 when he was discharged at West Point by Colo. William Russell then commanding officer of Gen. Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade the General being absent, and of which Brigade the said 12 Reg't. composed a part – that he at that time acted as Brigade Major (Pro tempore) and wrote some (if not all) the discharges of the men discharged at that place which were signed by Colo. Russell – That this deponent knew said Bryans before the revolution; that he knew him in the army of the Revolution, and that he hath known him ever since

Jacob Danner made oath that he is well acquainted with the said James Bryans & that he is in very indigent circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support

A Copy teste H. Bowyer CBC

Virginia Botetourt County, to wit,

On this 11th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record which proceeds according to the course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings, having the power of fine & imprisonment – James Bryans aged 70 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows

That he enlisted in the year 1776 in the company of Captain McKey – that he served in said company 8 or 9 months. That he afterwards served in Captain Wallaces company 12th Regiment Virginia line on Continental Establishment about 15 months – that he afterwards served in the 8th Regiment for four months, as will appear by Original Declaration dated (as appears by my Pension certificate No 5687) the 12th day of May 1818 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

One mare aged 19 – & one old cow two axes two Iron pots – one oven one skillet 9 plates – five or six tea cups & saucers, 8 or 9 knives & forks. That he is a carpenter by trade but by reason of his age & infirmities, is unable to support himself

That he has a wife aged 65 years Gula[?] his Daughter aged 26 years Betsy & Else Twins aged 23 years. Peggy 19 & Augustus 16 years.

James hisXmark Bryans