

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hardy Bryan S6756

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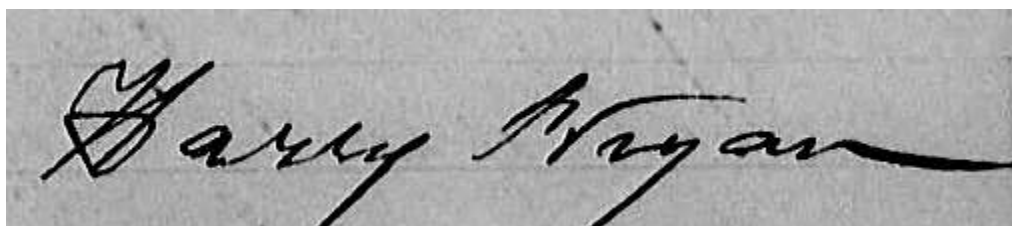
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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 27th day of November 1854 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting General Harry Bryan a resident of Sampson County and State aforesaid aged 71 years who having been first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the several acts and Resolutions of Congress granting paid to Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution.

That he is the son and only child that is now living of Hardy Bryan and his wife Wineford his Father Hardy Bryan served the whole of the Revolutionary War as he has often heard him say and believes he entered the service early in the year 1776 and served up to 1781 he was first an Adjutant then a Captain then a Commissary as I have often heard him say and believe I do not know of my own knowledge but expect to be able to prove by other and documentary proves and other proof my Father Hardy Bryan was married to my Mother on this 6th day of March 1777 whose maiden name was Wineford McCullers before said marriage that my Father Hardy Bryan died on the 14th day of August 1832 and my Mother Wineford Bryan died on the 8th day of May 1833 in the County of Johnston where they both lived and died.

S/ Harry Bryan

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry Bryan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

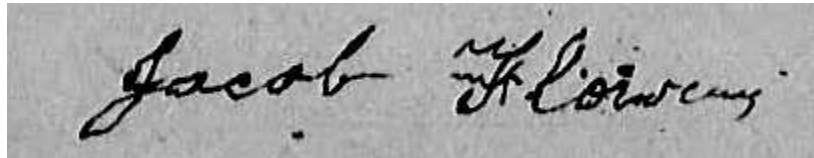
State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 8th day of February 1855 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County Jacob Flowers a resident in said County aged 89 years and after being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following affidavit

Jacob Flowers testifies that he knew Hardy Bryan well for many years that he lived near him he went off in the Revolutionary War about 1776 about July or August and came home next

year 1777 and was married to Wineford McCullers and then returned to the Service again and staid there up to 1781 or 1782 he was a Captain in Johnston County as he mustered the men together and marched off to the Army I did not go myself as I was not quite old enough after Hardy Bryan came home he was highly respected for the service he had rendered to his Country and all his men appeared to love him and he died about the year 1832 and his Widow died about the year 1833 – The Bryans was such soldiers and treated their men so well that in the War of 1812 the Men from Johnston would not March under any other but Harry Bryan him and him and him

S/ Jacob Flowers

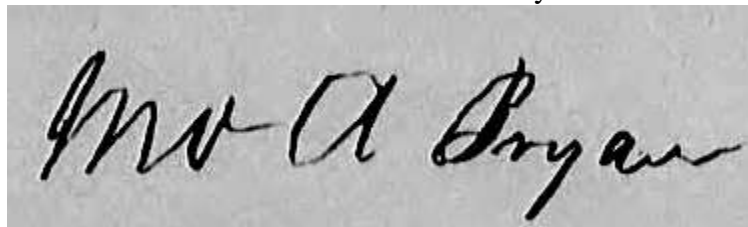
A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Flowers". The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored.

State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 6th day of February 1855 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County John Arter Bryan a resident of said County aged 87 years and after being duly sworn according to law doth upon his Oath make the following Affidavit

This affiant testifies and says that he was well acquainted with Captain Hardy Bryan his Father's Brother and with his widow Wineford Bryan whose name before marriage to Hardy Bryan was Wineford McCullers and sister to my Mother Hardy Bryan and his wife is both dead and left General Harry Bryan their only child now living Hardy Bryan was all ways called a Revolutionary Captain and I have often heard him and my father talk of their troubles in the Revolution as they both were captains Hardy Bryan was married to Wineford McCullers the 6 day of March 1777 and died on the 14th of August 1832 and his widow died the 8th day of May 1833 Hardy Bryan had been in the war some before marriage and served after his marriage nearly all that he War

S/ Jno A Bryan

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jno A Bryan". The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored.

State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 10th day of February 1855 personally appeared before the Subscriber a justice of the peace for the said County Henry Guy a resident of said County aged 93 years and after being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following affidavit.

This Affiant testifies and says that he lived for many years near Captain Hardy Bryan he was called by all his neighbors and County man a Revolutionary Captain and I never heard it doubted by any for many years after the Revolution the people of Johnston County every 4th July had a great ball and party to celebrate our independence and Captain Hardy Bryan always said at the head of the table and myself at the other end Hardy Bryan was very much respected for his patriotism and the time and money he had spent in defense of his Country soon after getting home from the Revolution for he served years although War he was appointed by our

State Legislature a General he came home several times in the time of the War and about the year 1777 he came home and was married and as he and Wineford McCullers was engaged before he went his 1st Tower in 1776 he had several sons William Washington Bryan Needham Bryan David H Bryan and Harry Bryan all of whom are dead, but Harry Bryan I am the man that went as Captain with the first troops from Johnston to Beaufort in the War of 1812 General Harry Bryan is the man that went as Captain with the 2nd Company from Johnston County to Norfolk Virginia in the War of 1812 at the commencement of the Revolution on the 4th of July there was a large assemblage of persons at Smithfield NC and Captain Hardy Bryan was requested to make a speech on the occasion of Independence and he was put on a high place which was fixed for that purpose and he made a loud and long speech and at the last of his speech he declared that we would be free and that we were no longer under the Reign of King George the 3rd King of Great Britain.

S/ H. Guy

[fn p. 26-27: certificate dated March 23, 1855 on the North Carolina Comptroller General setting forth a long list of payments made to Hardy Bryan during the revolutionary war for military services as commissary, Captain and Adjutant.]

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 20th day of June 1855 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County Francis Fail [sic, Frances Fail] aged 91 years a resident of Johnston County and after having been duly sworn according to law says she was first acquainted with Captain Hardy Bryan the Father of General Harry Bryan as my Father Jacob Adams was his overseer for 10 years and had the control and management of his Hardy Bryan's Farm and business and his hands while he was gone into the Revolutionary War I stayed with his family more than half my time while he was gone in the war I have seen his regimental suit sword and epaulets and his hat that stood 3 ways the sort that all the officers war at that time and I have heard my first husband William Grimes and Hardy Bryan talk about their troubles and hardships in the Revolution Hardy Bryan the Father of General Harry Bryan is the identical man that served in the Revolution as they had never has been any other Hardy Bryan in Johnston County he went off into the war in the summer of 1776 and quit the Army in the 1st of the year 1781 as I know he was elected to the State Legislature in August 1781 and he was selected a few months after he got home from the Army. I have heard him speak of being in several Battles such as Moore's Creek, Stono, Guilford. I have heard him say that he started home soon after the battle at Guilford. I have a certificate and draw pay for the services of William Grimes<sup>1</sup> my first Husband which is dated 21st day of March 1844 and No. 3993.

S/ Francis Fail, X her mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$166.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending August 14th, 1832, for service as a Captain & Adjutant & Commissary in the North Carolina line.

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<sup>1</sup> [William Grimes W19249](#)