

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Erwin S6823

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State of North Carolina, Macon County

On this 24th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Macon now sitting William Erwin a resident of Buncombe County in State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832, That he entered the service under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] to of Rowan County Colonel Francis Locke Lieutenant Colonel James Brandon, entered the service in July 1776 (day not recollected) and left the service about the first of October 1776, when entering the service resided in County of Rowan North Carolina entered as Volunteer, rendezvoused at Pleasant Gardens then in Rowan now Burke County -- marched up the Catawba River to the head of Swannanoa [River] thence to the Cherokee Nation, thence back to Rowan County. He has no documents, but herewith transmits the affidavit of Major Daniel Bryson<sup>1</sup> who served in the same Regiment, and during the same tour of duty.

He again entered the service in 1778 in the month of November (date not recollected) under General Rutherford, Colonel Pacely [John Paisley] of Guilford, General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] being Commander in Chief, rendezvoused at Charlotte North Carolina under Captain Falls [Gilbreath Falls] -- Marched to Charleston South Carolina through Camden & Moncks Corner, thence to Dorchester and Jacksonborough thence to Ashepoo, Pocatlico, Saltchtgers [Saltketcher] to Purrysburg and there Stationed until about the first of April, and then discharged having served three months in the first and five months in the second tour, whilst in Purrysburg -- a detachment was taken from the Army and Regiment to which he belonged to join General Ashe [John Ashe] at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] but he was not in that detachment[:] entered the service a third time under Captain Alexander Davidson, in the and of Rowan County; Marched to Rocky River in Mecklenburg -- under General Rutherford to reinforce Colonel Blufort [Buford?] at Rocky River Meeting house hearing that the Tories were embodied at Ramsour's Lincoln County -- General Rutherford ordered Captain Davidson's Company to Ramsour's to prevent the Tories from taking the men prisoners longing to his company -- was engaged with the Tories at Ramsour's under Colonel Locke of Rowan Major James Rutherford -- The last service being for the space of 30 days -- Entered again on the first Day of August, 1780 --, under General William Davidson [William Lee Davidson], Colonel Locke & George Davidson Captain David Ramsay Samuel Warson Lieutenant -- rendezvoused at

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<sup>1</sup> [Daniel Bryson W5940](#)

Mrs. Tarant [Tarrant's, Torrence, Tarrance, Torrance Tavern] in Rowan County thence to Charlotte -- there joined the Army -- there Stationed and thereabouts for three months entered in November 1781 -- under Lieutenant McPhadgins [?] of the Regulars, Maryland line of artillery -- to guard field pieces to General Rutherford's camp at Wilmington -- term 30 days -- I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State --  
And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 25 day of December 1832

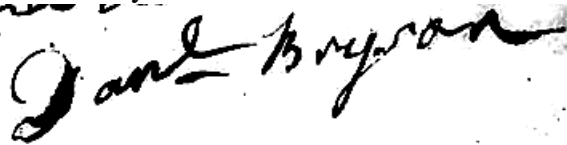
S/ John Hall, clerk

S/ Wm Erwin



Major Daniel Bryson do hereby certify that William Erwin the above applicant, served in the first tour of the Cherokee Nation, with him -- and also at Ramsour's mill against the Tories Lincoln County North Carolina and that he believes just credit can be given to his statements. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and date above.

S/ Danl Bryson



[Humphrey Posey, a clergyman, and Thomas Tatham gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

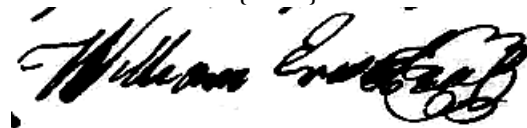
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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace William Erwin a resident of Buncombe County who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that the reason that he did not make and file the declaration in the County that he lives in was that he came to Macon County to try to get Daniel Bryson to get to Buncombe court and filed the affidavit to my declaration and the said Bryson was not well and it was cold weather and the said Bryson is old and could not conveniently go and I was persuaded that I could do it as well in this County has any and the Clergyman and Citizen that signed my declaration have been acquainted with me for upwards of thirty years and lived in Buncombe County in the same neighborhood for many years

Sworn to and subscribed this day 28th of August 1833

S/ John Tatham, JP

S/ William Erwin {Seal}



Q 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

A: To the first Q, I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in Lancaster County in the year 1754 or 1755 but have no record of my age.

Q 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service:

A: In Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service?

A: volunteered --

Q 5<sup>th</sup> The names of the regular officers

General Lincoln, General Branon, Captain Graham

Q. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

A. no

S/ John Tatham, JP

S/ William Erwin

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.16 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in both the infantry and cavalry of the North Carolina militia.]