

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William O'Bryan (O'Banyon) S7277

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State of North Carolina Anson County: Declaration of William O'Bryan alias William O'Banyon

On this 27th day of July 1833,<sup>1</sup> John Grady Junior one of the acting Justices of the peace of Anson County, at the house of William O'Bryan a resident of the County of Anson in State aforesaid a Soldier of the revolution, he being very infirm aged seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I enlisted in kingston [sic, Kinston] in the County of Dobbs NC in the month of November 1778, for three years or during the war under Captain Benjamin Coleman, was marched to the South in Colonel Archibald Lytle's Regiment General Ashe's brigade – and was in the Battle at Brier Creek March 1779 where General Ashe was defeated – continued with the Army from place to place and back to North Carolina, until General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] assumed the command in the winter of 1780 – when I joined General Greens Army – I was in the battle at Guilford Court house, State of North Carolina in March 1781 – from thence marched with a detachment of General Greens Army to South Carolina. I was in a skirmish with the British and Tories near Cross Creek at Rockfish in Cumberland County NC where I received a wound in the thigh – where the ball yet remains. From thence I was marched to Ashley Hill near Charlestown in South Carolina – during all this time I was in the 1st Regiment – in the Summer of this year 1781 – I was transferred under Captain Joshua Hadley – and the 1st Regiment became the 2nd – I was marched from Ashley Hill to James Island and there continued until the close of the campaign in 1781 in South Carolina. And was discharged by Colonel Lytle – to the best of my recollection – in November or December 1781 – having served three years – I have no papers nor do I know of any person by whose testimony I can prove my services.

I do 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 the Agency of any State whatever –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test:

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant made application dated October 10, 1832 in Anson County informed and content almost identical to the second application he gave as transcribed except that in the October application he did not answer the seven interrogatories prescribed by the war Department.

Jno. Grady, Jr., JP

S/ William O'Bryan, X his mark

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

A: In Jones County North Carolina August 19th 1757

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: No written record of my mother & other relations have told me I was born August 19, 1757

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: I lived in Jones County North Carolina until I enlisted & after I was discharged I went back to Jones County & continued to live there for two years then I moved to Pitt County North Carolina and lived there until March 1822, then I moved to Anson County North Carolina where I have lived ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: Eight Regular

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: General Green, General Ashe, Colonel Archibald Lytle, Captain Benjamin Coleman, Captain Joshua Hadley, these were Continental officers in the Army at that time.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: I received a written discharge from Colonel Lytle or Captain Hadley and it was burned in my mother's house many years ago

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A: ~~Jason Rushing & Thomas Lisenby.~~

Sworn to and Subscribed the 27th day of July 1833

S/ William O'Bryan<sup>2</sup>

[John Hill, a clergyman and John Jordan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from documents in this Office, that William O'Bryan was allowed by a Board of Commissioners appointed to pass on claims for services in the revolutionary war, a Warrant for 640 acres of land for his services as a private Soldier in said war, it being the quantity of Acres allowed by law to war Soldiers.

Given under my hand this 2nd October 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Although this signature does not indicate that it was made with a Mark, the handwriting is identical to the rest of the document and I assume must have been made by the scribe and not by the applicant.

<sup>3</sup> The Bounty Land Record Card of a William O'Bryan, a private in the Pennsylvania line, Warrant Number 10173, four 100 acres of land awarded January 28, 1791 is erroneously included in this file.