

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Bray S8106

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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this [illegible] day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Cowles, William G Haines, and Richard H Parks Esquires in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting David Bray a resident of this Surry County in the State of North Carolina aged eighty-nine years 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – he was born in Brunswick County Virginia in 1743 when he was early brought to Northampton County in this State where he lived until he was 21 years old, he then removed to Bute County from thence he removed to Rowan County where he was at the commencement of the revolution. During the revolution he removed from the land to Surry County, where he has remained ever since. The first Tour he was in was as a volunteer from Rowan and under Robin Moore as Captain he went to Fayetteville against the Scotch where he served three months. Colonel Martin was there. He was an Ensign he got no written discharge but was discharged – The next Tour he went was to the Indian nation against the Cherokees Robin Moore was his Captain Colonel James Craig commanding, he was an Ensign – he was marched to Flint River – he served in this tour three months wanting four or five days – On his return from this Tour he moved to Surry County – he was drafted shortly after under a German Captain whose name he does not recollect. Colonel William Shepperd commanding. Went to the mouth of Rocky River on Pedee & to Masts Ferry – he lacked eight or nine days of being three months on this tour but was engaged in it more than two months & twenty days. He was discharged but not in writing – he was a drafted private – the last Tour he went was as a volunteer with Captain Samuel Dyer, Colonel John Armstrong commanding, this deponent was an Ensign in the Company. We marched to Hillsboro and was in the attack upon the Picket Guard of the enemy, he was engaged in this Tour about six weeks. – He was always discharged, but never had a written discharge – he has no record of his age. – He has no evidence to prove his service except the last when Edward Smith<sup>1</sup> and Bartholomew Marion<sup>2</sup> who are witnesses were with him –

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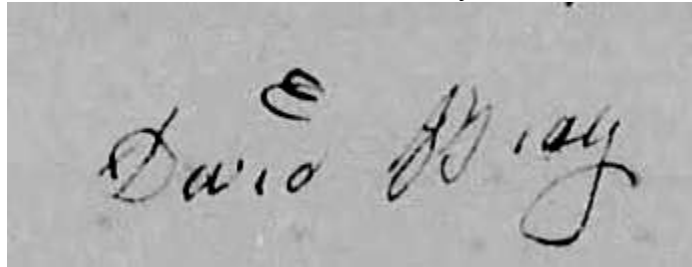
<sup>1</sup> FPA S7562

<sup>2</sup> [Bartholomew Marrison \(Marion\) S7178](#)

He is well known in this County to Lewis Williams, Joseph Williams & many others –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ David Bray

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "David Bray" and is written on a light-colored, slightly textured surface.

We Edward Smith and Bartholomew Marion do solemnly swear that we were with David Bray in his last tour when he volunteered under Colonel Armstrong and that he acted as Ensign & was in command of us when we attacked the British Picket – when Smith left the Army, the rest remaining some weeks after.

S/ Edward Smith, X his mark

S/ Bartholomew Marion, X his mark

[Pleasant B Cockerham, a clergyman, and Joseph Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died July 8, 1836, leaving no widow but the following children survived him – William Bray, Hanon Bray, Nathan Bray, David Bray, Amy Bray, Martha Alberty and Reuben Bray; a grandson Lewis W Bray, son of David Bray, Junior, is referred to in 1852.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52.25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months & 5 days service as a private and 2 months 25 days service as an Ensign in the North Carolina militia.]