

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bryant Medley S8894

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State of North Carolina Stokes County} SS

On this 15th day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Charles Banner one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Stokes aforesaid age certain Bryant Medley aged Eighty-three or four years at his place of residence in the County aforesaid about ten miles distant from the Court house of said County which old man from bodily infirmity is unable to attend at said Court, he being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States in the month of August 1777 or 1778 as a Volunteer musician [spelled Musition], under Capt. John Garland in the then Dobs [sic, Dobbs] County in North Carolina his Lieut. was William Kilpatrick & Ensign John Granger in this Service he was marched from Dobbs County to New Bern then to Wilmington, then to black river he thinks in Bladen County North Carolina and was in a Battle at Moore's Creek bridge<sup>1</sup> against the Scotch Tories. General Caswell [Richard Caswell] was chief commander, he knew the following named captains who was in the engagement this: Cobb [Jesse Cobb], Inlow [John Enloe], Ed<sup>d</sup> Gatling [Edward Gatlain], George Miller, James Roach, under Col. Nathan Bryan, a certain Capt. Vance [John Vance] of the Artillery with his company swept the Tories off the bridge, from thence marched back to Wilmington & New Bern & then to Dobbs County and after remaining six months in this service was discharged in the following February after he entered the service which discharge he received of his Capt. Garland & believes it was consumed by fire in a house that accidentally caught fire.

The Second Service he entered as a Volunteer for nine months as Musician under Capt. Burwell Mooring [Burwell Mouring] in Lenoir County in North Carolina on the 10th of March next before the Battle of what is called Stono or John's Island in South Carolina & rendezvoused & recruited at Kingston [sic, Kinston] in Lenoir County for some length of time, then marched up the country & crossed Pedee River to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, then to Camden in South Carolina & through various parts of said State he does not recollect the names of Counties or districts, but to Savannah River & from thence to the place called St. John or John's Island & the Battle called Stono battle<sup>2</sup> took place in the month of June or July he believes the date he do not recollect but acted as a Drummer in said Battle & saw a certain Capt.

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<sup>1</sup> This battle occurred on February 27, 1776. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>. See also, <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/760227.htm>

<sup>2</sup> June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>. See also, <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790620.htm>

Jacob Camperlain [sic, Jacob Camplin] wounded with a ball in his knee, General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] was Commander from thence marched to Camden in South Carolina thence back to Lenoir County in North Carolina and after remaining in the Service nine months as Drummer & sometimes Fifer was honorably discharged at Kinston in said County by his Capt. Mooring a few days before Christmas which discharge he has lost and does not know how or what became of it -- the Third & last service he entered into as a Volunteer under Capt. William Harper in Lenoir County North Carolina for two months but only served ten days & was discharged by the Capt. who was commanded by General Levinton [sic, John Alexander Lillington] this Service was in the month of August before the surrender [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] of Cornwallis he believes as well as his memory serves him he was marched to Trenton on Trent River in North Carolina where a party of the British was under the Command of a Craig [James Craig] he does not know his Grade. In this Service this Affiant acted as a private soldier & Volunteer, and while on centry one night on Trent River hailed a British man (a spy) who failed to answer this Affiant says he fired & killed the red coat man &c -- The Several Interrogatories prescribed by the War department being put to the applicant -- first he says he was born in Dinwoody [sic, Dinwiddie] County in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the year 1748 or 1749, but cannot tell which year.

2nd he has no record of his age, but had one which was in a Bible which was consumed by fire with his discharge.

3rd he was removed from Dinwiddie County Virginia to Dobbs County North Carolina when only 5 years old where he first entered the Service & the 2nd & 3rd service he lived in the County of Lenoir in North Carolina, where he remained ever since until 10 years last fall, when he started to go to his children in Kentucky. But owing to the infirmities of old age & Rheumatism together with poverty was compelled to stop in this County of Stokes in North Carolina where he has resided ever since.

4th he states he volunteered his services every Term of Service & served in all 15 months & 10 days.

5th owing to the infirmities of old age he states that he cannot recollect the number of Regiments or the names of the Officers that he then knew you but recollects of all those he has named in the foregoing declaration he further states that he often saw General Marion [Francis Marion], General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & a General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] who commanded the South Carolina Militia.

6th his discharges he received as above stated & is lost

7th he states he knows of no person living in the County of Stokes aforesaid who can Testify as to his services in the Revolution, nor does he know of any clergyman that is a resident of this County that can be conveniently, at & certify as to his Veracity &c. But thinks that his neighbors with whom he is best acquainted will certify as to his character (to wit) Capt. Michael Fulp, Peter Fulp the Coroner of the County who are respectable citizens &c.

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. Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year first above written before me.

S/ Charles Banner, JP

S/ Bryant Medley, X his mark

[Michael Fulp & Peter Fulp gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private and drummer for 15 months in the North Carolina militia.]