

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Asa Bryan W23666

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State of North Carolina Johnston County: SS

On this the 22nd day of April 1845 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Mrs. Ann Bryan now in her 85th year of age who having been duly sworn according to law, doth upon her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the 3rd section of the Act of Congress passed the 4th July 1836. That she is the widow of Asa Bryan who served his country as a Captain of Infantry in the War of the Revolution. That he served as Captain of the company aforesaid and was frequently called out in the minute-man service, at one time, he marched to Wilmington and was off from home about three months previous to the Battle of Guilford, in what year she is unable to remember at this remote period of time. At another time he marched off with a detachment of man which had been raised and commanded by Hardy Bryan as Captain but he (Hardy Bryan) having been elected to the General Assembly her husband Asa Bryan took command and in this service he was absent from home about 10 months. This was the same year of the Battle of Guilford was fought, he was returning from that action and was taken sick which induced her to leave home and go in search of him – that his sufferings and privations in the service were so great as nearly to cost him his life. After this period he was frequently called out for short periods of service of one month or more in the minute man service, to quell the Tories and to hunt after "out-lying men" – men who to avoid duty (and were suspected persons) had fled from society and were lying-out and concealed in the woods etc. In these times of duty he always acted under the command of his Colonel in his military capacity. This declarant is only able to swear to such service as was told her by her husband the said Captain Asa Bryan, and of her own knowledge of his absence from home in his military capacity of which she has the most distinct recollection. She is very confident that the period of his various services rendered in the two tours already declared and connected with the time he was held to minute service, and under readiness to march to orders was altogether more than eighteen months. She further declares that she was legally married to the said Captain Asa Bryan in the month of \_\_ in the year 1778 [last digit written over and could have been intended to be 1777] in this, the aforesaid County of Johnston and that her maiden name was Ann Lee. That she has no record of her marriage, nor the ages of her children but that her oldest child Lewis Brian is now sixty-five years old, her next child Mary Wood, wife of Jonathan Wood is about 63 years of age. She can fix the date of their

ages in her mind from her own age now, and at the time she was married. That her husband the said Asa Bryan died in the month of June in the years 1823, and that she has never intermarried but continued a widow still.

All of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof here unto appended.

S/ Ann Bryan, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ Jno. Q. Adams, JP

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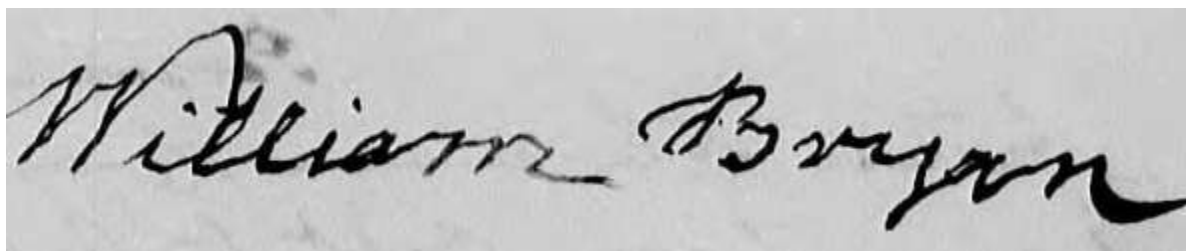
Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace etc. – as set forth in the foregoing declaration – Captain William Bryan,<sup>1</sup> who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith.

That he is now in his 85th year of age – That he is the younger Brother of the late Captain Asa Bryan whose widow has made the foregoing declaration that he knows the contents of the foregoing declaration and that whatsoever of it does not come within his own knowledge he believes to be true – that although the deponent and his Brother Asa, did revolutionary service in the same years, still they were not out in the same tours, but that he has not the least doubt of his Brother, Asa's services as stated in the above declaration. That he knows of his own knowledge – that a company commanded by Captain Hardy Bryan and of which Asa Bryan was Lieutenant, were ordered to join General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in the upper Counties – and that they marched from Smithfield, the County Town of this County, and whilst on their march Hardy Bryan was elected to the General Assembly of this State – that he left his command and that afterwards the captaincy devolved on Asa Bryan – that is said Tour he was as Captain of said Company in the battle of Guilford – that he has often heard his brother Asa relate various incidents of said Battle as well as of much other service rendered on other tours and service. He further deposeth that the foregoing Declarant Ann Bryan was the lawful wife and is now the widow of the said Captain Asa Bryan and he (this deponent) was at their marriage and wedding, he being then just grown up – that they were lawfully married in the neighborhood in which they all lived and yet continued to live.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written.

S/ Jno. Q. Adams, JP

S/ William Bryan

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Bryan". The ink is dark and the background is a light, slightly textured surface.

[fn p. 9: copy of the marriage bond license dated August 18, 1778, issued in Johnston County to Asa Bryan & James Lee to secure the marriage of Bryan to Ann Lee.]

[fn p. 10: on July 22, 1851 in Cumberland County North Carolina, Mary Wood gave testimony that she is the only surviving child of Ann Bryan, deceased widow of Asa Bryan.]

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<sup>1</sup> [William Bryan S6699](#)

[fn p. 10: 2 witnesses testified that Ann Bryan, widow of Asa Bryan departed this life January 6, 1846 and that Mary Wood is her only surviving child]

[fn p. 22: 2 witnesses testified that the widow died January 6, 1847.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for the service of her husband for 6 months as a Captain in the North Carolina militia; another cover sheet indicates that the widow was pensioned at the rate of \$240 per annum commencing the same date for her husband's one year service as a Captain in the North Carolina militia.]