

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Bryant W5915

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Georgia } Personally came before me William Bryand and being duly sworn saith that he  
Morgan Cty } inlisted under Capt George Lambert of Bedford County Virginia sometime in the  
year seventeen hundred & seventy seven, & was attached to the fourteenth Virginia Regiment General  
Mulinberghs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade & Col [William] Davies Regiment he further states that he  
was in the action of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] from  
monmouth I was attached to Genl Waynes [Anthony Wayne's] Brigade of Volunteers under Capt  
[Benjamin] Lawson in Col Fleebeckers [sic: Christian Febiger's] Regiment we was marched to Stony point  
was engaged in the action [16 Jul 1779] & wounded through the leg I was then marched to Redding  
Town [sic: Reading PA] above Philadelphia & discharged by Col William Davis [sic] in the eighty [1780?]  
This deponent further states that he has lost the discharges. This deponent further states that he served  
the full term of Three years in the above company as stated that he is now poor and needy and stands  
from his reduced circumstances in life stands in need of the assistance of his country for support,  
therefore he now applies for the pension, in such cases made and provided.  
Sworn & subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> Feby 1820 [signed] William Bryant  
Laz. Battle J.I.C.

[On 22 Nov 1819 Herod Gibbs (Harod Gibbs, pension application W17947) certified that he had known  
Bryant in service.]

Georgia } Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace of s'd. County Jesse Lee  
Morgan County } who being duly Sworn saith that he was in the Infantry at the taking of Stony  
point in Capt. Cluff Sheltons [sic: Clough Shelton's] Company Col. Hores [sic: Samuel Hawes's] betallion  
and that I was there & acquainted with William Bryant to the best of my belief & knowledge  
Sworn to & subscribed this 7<sup>th</sup> Feby 1820 [signed] Jesse Lee

Georgia } Personally came into open court being a court of Record William Bryant & made  
Gwinnett County } oath that in the year 1818 he was possessed of one hundred and one & one  
quarter Acres, one horse, twelve head of Hogs, and in that year he sold the Land in order to move to  
Gwinnett for which land he received Two hundred Dollars or there abouts & failing to move he rented  
Land in the county of Morgan, and his family was taken sick and he continued there for two years and  
made but little, & the Doctor fees he paid was eighty one dollars the balance of the price of his land was  
absorbed by expences with a sick family. I then bought a small waggon & gave two cows for it then he  
moved to Gwinnett & his expences was so much with a weakly wife & helpless family that he is unable to  
support comfortably. I have at this time two cows worth Twenty dollars one small mare worth thirty five  
Dollars one sow and pigs worth five dollars & some kitchen furniture worth fifteen the balance of the  
property that has passed through my hands since the year 1818 is so small an amount & at different times  
that I have no recollection of the same. The reason I applied for my pension no sooner was on the account  
of the sickness of my family while in Morgan & when & where I moved to Gwinnett I was remote from  
the court house & thought perhaps I could still support without the benefit of the pension  
Sworn to & subscribed before me in open court this 29th day of September 1825 William Bryant

State of Georgia } On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April eighteen hundred & thirty one, personally appeared in  
Campbell County } open Court, the Superior Court for the State & County aforesaid, (being a Court

of Record William Bryant Sen'r. resident in said County, aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820; that he the said William Bryant enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of February seventeen hundred & seventy seven, in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain George Lambert, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Davis, in the line of the state of Virginia, on the military continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the month of February seventeen hundred & eighty, when he was discharged from service in Easton in the state of Pennsylvania or New Jersey; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia; and that he has heretofore made application for a pension, but from some defect in the affidavit or for some other cause it has not yet been allowed.

And in pursuance of the act of 1<sup>st</sup> of March [sic: May] 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property: One tract of land in the County of Morgan, in the State of Georgia, was given by this Deponent's sons to him to reside on, but no deed was executed to Deponent and his sons subsequently sold it, and from the sale gave deponent Two hundred dollars, which has been expended by Deponent in the support of his family. No other changes have been made in Deponent's property since the time mentioned, except the destruction of a few inconsiderable articles of household furniture of trifling value which have been worn out by me.

[signed] William Bryant

Schedule referred to in the foregoing declaration –

One mare valued at	\$15.00
“ Cow & Calf “ “	10.00
“ yearling Calf “ “	3.00
7 Head of Hogs “ “	4.00
2 Barrels of Corn “ “	8.00
5 chairs & 1 Table “ “	4.00
1 Pot & 1 Oven “ “	5.00
6 Earthen Plates “ “	.50
Five knives & forks “ “	.50
1 Plough & Gear “ “	2.00
Log Chain “ “	1.00
1 Hoe & 1 Mattock “ “	1.00
1 Old saddle & Bridle “ “	.50
Side Board “ “	2.00
Two beds & furniture & bedsteads	20.00
1 Old Cupboard	<u>3.00</u>
	\$79.50

No income, bonds, notes or other evidence of Debts, or real Estate – but sued at this time for about ninety dollars for debts incurred by the support of myself & family

21 Apl. 1831

[signed] William Bryant

[On 16 Feb 1852 Mary Ann Bryant, 87, of Campbell County GA, applied for a pension stating that her late husband, William Bryant had been dropped from the pension roll under the act of 1820 for having too much property, but the pension was restored on 19 Dec 1831 under the act of 1 Mar 1823. She stated that they were married on 2 April 1784 at the house of Zadoch Barnett in Oglethorpe County GA by John Lumpkin, a Baptist minister, and that her husband died on 22 Aug 1833 in Campbell County GA.

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Alabama } On this 17th day of January AD 1853 Before me the undersigned a Justice of the  
Randolph County } peace within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared John  
W Barnett to me well known as a credible person who made oath in due form of

law that the Reason why he so well remembers the marriage of Mary Ann Barnett to William Bryant which marriage took place on the second day of April AD seventeen hundred and eighty four and at the house of Zadock Barnet in Oglethorpe County in the State of Georgia is as follows towit Mary Ann Bryant is my oldest sister and I am the next child to her; also she was the first one of the family that married which circumstances made lasting impressions on my mind the county at that time being so sparcely populated and mariages being so seldom is another reason why I so well reccollect it, also I reccollect that I am now seventy seven years old and was at that time so young that I had never been called upon to muster, also there was a man in the neighborhood at that time by the name of Norton who died with a cancer on the lip and I well reccollect helping to dig the grave. And the weather being showery the grave was about half full of water and I helped to throw the water out which was another circumstance that causes me to reccollect more particular about the date. And further the Thrasher family were killed on the west side of the Oconee river only a few years after their mariage all of the Family were killed but one daughter which was taken off by the Indians and afterwards given up. Mrs Thrasher was taken out of the river by William Bryant where the Indians had left her She was not dead at the time he took her out and did not die until the next day One of her breasts were either cut off or split open Deponent desires that this statement should be considered as supplemental to his former statement given on the 15th March 1852 before Mills J Whatley a justice of the peace for Troup County in the State of Georgia and he deponent also states that in the application of Mary Ann Bryant aforesaid for the benefit of the act of July the 7th 1838 deponent is wholly disinterested

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of January AD 1853 John hisXmark Barnett  
Attest. A McDonald JP

[On 19 Jan 1853 Dorcas Farrar, of Benton County AL, another sister of Mary Ann Bryant, made a similar statement. On 12 Feb 1852 she stated that she had been at William Bryant's bedside when he died, and that she helped make his shroud.]

NOTE: On an application for bounty land dated 1 Oct 1856 Mary Ann Bryant was said to be 95.