

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bryant W5916 Patience fn86NC
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State of Georgia Gwinnett County: SS

On this 23rd day of March 1844 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County and State aforesaid the same being a Court of record Mrs. Patience Bryant a resident of said County and State aged eighty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of William Bryant of the County of Jackson and State aforesaid the identical person who was a pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 at the rate of \$96 per annum in Morgan County Georgia. That said William Bryant was a private in the War of the Revolution in the Virginia Continental line and for proof of his services she refers to the evidence on which he was pensioned. And this declarant further states that the aforesaid William Bryant died on the 11th day of September 1828 in Jackson County Georgia. And this deponent further declares she was married to the said William Bryant on the __day of July 1780 in Nash County North Carolina by (a justice of the peace) Edward Moore Esquire of the said County and State last aforesaid. That they resided in said County and state for the space of __ years and removed from thence to Georgia Morgan County where they resided until the winter of 1821 or 1822 and removed from thence to Jackson County Georgia where her husband died on the 11th day of September 1828 as aforesaid from Jackson County she this deponent removed to the County of Gwinnett County where she now resides. That she has no Documentary evidence of their having been married as aforesaid the Banns of marriage having been published. That she has no record in her family Bible. That she knows of no person living who could testify to the fact other than Dinah Young of Hall County Georgia. That she has remained a widow ever since the period of her husband's death all of which will more fully appear by reference to proof hereunto annexed.

S/ Patience Bryant, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and date above written before me a Justice of the Inferior Court Gwinnett County Georgia I further certify that from Bodily infirmity Mrs. Patients Bryant is unable to attend Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of March 1844.

S/ John C. Whitworth, JIC

[fn p. 8: on November 3, 1845 in Jackson County Georgia, James Bryant a resident of said County formerly a resident of Gwinnett County gave testimony that he is the son of William and Patience Bryant; that he was born in Nash County North Carolina on July 23rd, 1786; that he had 2 sisters older than himself that died while small; that he has frequently heard his father stated in his lifetime that he enlisted in Captain Allen's company and served in the war of the revolution as a musician and after serving something over one year returned home to Nash County North Carolina and hired his brother Samuel Bryant to substitute and served in his place for several months; and that while his brother was serving in his place his father, William Bryant married Patience Strickland his mother in July 1780 in Nash County North Carolina and that 14 months and 10 days thereafter their 1st child was born; that his father then returned to the service and served out the balance of his term; that his father came home after peace was made in 1783; that in the month of November 1784 a 2nd order was born who died on December 4 following; that he is the identical person who, as an heir of William Bryant, obtained a bounty land warrant for his father services in the revolution as a musician and private.]

[fn p. 9: on November 3, 1845 in Jackson County, Georgia, William Bryant testified that James Bryant is his elder brother in the oldest living child of William and Patience Bryant now surviving; that he, deponent, was born December 21, 1788.]

[fn. p. 10: on October the 11th, 1851, in Hall County Georgia, William Bryant, testified that his father was a soldier in the North Carolina Continental line or State Troops; that his father died October 1831 leaving a widow, his mother, Patience Bryant who remained his widow until her death on December 18, 1844; that she died leaving only 4 children surviving, to wit: William Bryant, James Bryant, Martha Bryant and Mary O'Bryan formerly Mary Bryant.]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State.

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Bryant a musician in said line in Captain Allen's Company of the 2nd Regiment, entered the service on the __day of __ 1777 for the term of the war and that he was a private Soldier in June 1778. A land Warrant for his services was issued 12 March 1785 for 640 acres.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of June 1845
S/ Wm Hill, Secry. of State

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$84 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending December 18, 1844 for her husband's service as a musician in the North Carolina Continental line.]