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Pension Application of Thomas Bryan W5918

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

Georgia } On this the fourth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court,
Laurens County } before B. W. Hampton, H. B. Hathaway H. C. Fuquay & James Waden Justices of
the Inferior Court of said County now in session Thomas Bryan a resident of said County of Laurens and
state aforesaid, aged sixty nine years on the 19th day of next April who first being 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 7 1832

That he entered the service of the united states as a malitia man under the following named officers. He entered the service as a drafted man at the age of seventeen years for three months – he entered this service in Chesterfield County Virginia (where he then resided) under the command of Capt David Patterson and Col. Robert Goode and was marched by them to South carolina to join Genl. [Horatio] Gates, but he was defeated before we got there [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and we went no farther than Dunwoody [sic: Dinwiddie] Courthouse in Virginia – then returned to Petersburg, and was disbanded after having been in service three weeks and a few days. some short time after the end of this service in the same state he was again called into service from Chesterfield County in Virginia and was under arms in service mostly in Chesterfield County five months & there was under the command of Col. Robt Goode and part of this last service under Capt David Patterson – a part under Capt William Smith and a part under Capt Aley Smith. This last service was performed as a drafted man. Shortly after this last service which terminated in the year 1781 as well as he recollects he again entered the service and served a three months tower in Gloucester County Virginia under the command of General Weedon [sic: George Weedon] Col. Taylor and Maj'r. Campbell. During these services he was in two or three little skirmishes with the British – one particularly at a place called the hundred [probably Bermuda Hundred] on James River between Richmond and Petersburg in Virginia and that the last service was performed as a substitute. All this time his place of Residence was in Chesterfield County Virginia and all the forgoing services all making nine months were performed in that State. And furthermore the said Thomas Bryan says he has no other [illegible word] – no documents or documtary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. And that he hereby relinquishes all and every claim or claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pention Roll of the agency of any State. [signed] Thos Bryan

NOTE: On 26 Aug 1854 Margaret Bryan, about 87 or 88, applied for a pension stating that as Margaret Simpson she was married in Richmond County GA about 65 years previously to Thomas Bryan, who died on 13 May 1844. A document dated 14 May 1855 states that Margaret Bryan was 86 years old, that she was married in Oct 1792, that their first child was stillborn nine months and a few days after the marriage, and that the second child was born about 18 months after the marriage. As proof of marriage she sent a Bible that had been given to her by her father, William Simpson, containing the family record. The bible was returned on 9 Feb 1861, but the file contains an extract, transcribed below. The authenticity of the record was certified by her children, Thomas Bryan, Elisabeth Bryan, Sarah Bryan, and Martha Bryan.

Bennet Bryan was born February 2nd 1795 Son of Thos & Marget Bryan.

James Bryan, Son of Thomas and Marget Bryan was born 2^d day of Oct. 1796.

Mary Ann Bryan was born 6th July 1798.

Elizabeth Bryan was born January 20 day 1800.