

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Brymer (Brimmer) W5947 Celia fn57NC
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State of Georgia Hall County: SS

On this the 16th day of December in the year of our Lord 1851, Personally appeared before me, James Roberts an acting Justice of the Inferior Courts within and for the County and State aforesaid Celia Brymer (sometimes called Brimmer) aged ninety-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of all the Laws of the United States now in force or which may hereafter be enacted for the benefit of the widows of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War. That her maiden name was Celia Heard. That from the best information she has had of her birth she was born in the month of January A.D. 1761 in Abbeville District State of South Carolina. That sometime in the month of February A.D. 1780, she was married to J. Brymer, sometimes called Brimmer by Esquire __ Moore, an acting Magistrate in and for the District of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina. She does not recollect Moore's Christian name, was married at Ninety Six a little Country village in said District, that said Brymer late in the summer after they were married and after Gates defeat left time to join the American Soldiers or Whigs as they were then called, in the State of North Carolina, have frequently heard Brymer speak of being at the Battles of Kings Mountain where the British commander was killed, and the Battle of Guilford Court House. The names of officers familiar to my memory are Shelley, Level [?], and Lee, Morgan, Green, Gates, Tarleton and Cornwallis, Except Generals Gates and Green and Lord Cornwallis, she has no familiar recollection of their Titles. Brymer was at the siege of Ninety Six, this she knows from personal knowledge as she lived within three or four miles of Ninety Six during the siege, Brymer visited his family about that time every three or four days he remained with the American Army and was at the battle of Eutaw Springs, and when the soldiers generally returned home he did so too, she thinks he was absent from home in the Army altogether more than two years, sometimes for longer and sometimes shorter periods, with the exception of the Siege of Ninety Six. My statements in relation to Brymer's Military Services are made from the recollection of what he told me, and by reason of extreme old age and consequent loss of memory I have no doubt forgotten most and possibly misstated some important facts. Though my memory retains the facts, their details I cannot attempt to relate. There were many more officers, names, mentioned by Brymer which have escaped my memory, and I presume I recollect the above because more frequently reiterated by Brymer. I know of no record evidence

of Brymer's services though I am informed that it is possible such can be obtained from the records of North Carolina. After Brymer's return from the Army, we remained in Abbeville District South Carolina a short time, then removed over the line between Abbeville and Pendleton District, a short distance and Pendleton District South Carolina (now Anderson District) where we remained until the fall of the year A.D. 1808 when we removed to Hall County in the State of Georgia and lived there together until the death of said Brymer which occurred in September 1823 on Chandler's Creek in Hall County State of Georgia, that she still remains a widow and still resides in Hall County Georgia, was married to said Brymer by the publication of Banns, and there is no private Record of the same to my knowledge, unless the same maybe known to Daniel Maddox of Gwinnett County, Georgia and Gilbert Haze of Gilmer County Georgia, who was at the time of sufficient age to recollect the marriage, and has been well acquainted with myself ever since. I will here state that Brymer was known indifferently by the name of Brymer or Brimmer a fact which holds good with my own family to the present day.

S/ Celia Brymer, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written. And I do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Celia Brymer who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing Declaration, that she resides in Hall County in the State of Georgia and I believe her to be of the age above stated by reason of her extreme old age and great debility she is unable to appear in Open Court, That she sustains a good and fair reputation for truth and veracity, and is esteemed to be the widow of a soldier of the Revolutionary war. That the name is indifferently known as Brymer or Brimmer, both as regards herself and the various members of her connection.

S/ James Roberts, JIC

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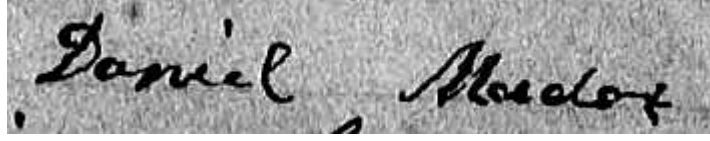
State of Georgia Hall County: SS

On this the 25th day of January A.D. 1853, personally appeared before me a Notary Public (being authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes and to take acknowledgments) within and for the County and State aforesaid Celia Brymer age 92 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who being sworn according to law, depose and saith on oath, that she is the identical Celia Brymer who has made a Declaration and filed with the Commissioner of Pensions for the Services of her husband, Joseph Brymer, in the Revolutionary war, with the Militia of North Carolina. That she knows her said husband served the Army from North Carolina, that he had to go to North Carolina to receive pay for his services in the war of the Revolution, that she recollects very distinctly that he brought home what money he did receive, in specie, that he complained that it was a small sum, for him to have passed through so many dangers for and so much fatigue in the Revolutionary war for:

She distinctly recollects that her first child (a son) by her marriage to her husband Joseph Brymer was born on the 13th day of October 1781 and his name was Benjamin Brymer, that her next child was a daughter and named Mary Brymer and was born on the 15th day of June 1783, and that she had seven other children by her said husband Joseph Brymer, previous to his death, there is no public or private record of her marriage to her husband Joseph Brymer but that her husband kept a record of the births of their children in his family Bible, but the next year after the death of her said husband her son who lived near her head his family Bible to make use of and some of his children for the leaf which contained the ages of their children from the Bible and consequently she cannot recollect the precise ages of none of her children but the two oldest.

S/ Celia Brymer, X her mark

[fn p. 7: on December 17, 1851 in Hall County, Georgia, Daniel Madox [Maddox], 82, a resident of Gwinnett County Georgia gave testimony supportive of the statements made by the widow

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Maddox". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background, possibly a document or a card. The name "Daniel" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Maddox".

and her application.

[fn p. 32: on February 2, 1852 in Hall County Georgia, Margaret Paygn, 87, a resident of Forsyth County Georgia (formerly of Hall County) gave testimony that she resided in Spartanburg district in a small girl; that her maiden name was Margaret Driver; that her parents moved to Pendleton district (now Anderson district) South Carolina sometime about the year 1777 or 1778 to near the Abbeville District line; that she then became acquainted with Joseph Brymer and Celia Heard prior to their marriage; that she was present at their marriage by Esquire Moore; that to the best of her recollection the marriage took place around the year 1780, about two years prior to her own marriage to Archibald Paygn.]

[fn p. 54 : On March 5, 1852 Gilbert Hayes of Gilmer County Georgia, aged 92, gave testimony that he was born in North Carolina; that in 1779, when a small boy, his parents moved to South Carolina in the immediate neighborhood of Joseph Brymer; that Brymer was often absent from home in the revolutionary war; that he returned home on furlough from time to time; that he was at the celebration of the wedding of Joseph Brymer to Celia Heard the day after they were married.]

[fn p. 43: certificate dated January 26, 1853 from the North Carolina Comptroller General showing payments made to a "J. Brimer" for services during the revolutionary war as a private for seven months.]

[fn p. 13: on January 26, 1853, in Hall County Georgia, Margaret Paygn, 88, gave testimony that she saw Joseph Brymer coming and going as a soldier of the revolution; that Celia Heard and Joseph Brymer were married several years before she was married; that she was married when she was between 17 and 18 years of age and at that time Celia Brymer had a son named Benjamin Brymer; and when Benjamin was about two years old age is Brymer had another child a daughter Mary; that the next child was named Nelson; that the Brymers had nine children in all; that she remembers Celia Brymer stating that she had a record of the births of her children in a family Bible; that the record was torn out and destroyed.]

[fn p. 23: on January 25, 1853 in Hall County Georgia, John Cain Senior, 73, a resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia gave testimony that he was born in North Carolina; that his parents removed to South Carolina, Pendleton district (now Anderson district) and that Joseph Brymer and his wife Celia lived in the same neighborhood as man and wife; that Joseph was looked upon and reputed in the neighborhood as a soldier of the revolution; that he recalls Joseph saying that he joined the Army from North Carolina and was in many difficult battles.]

[Veteran Lee will wait and \$.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for the service of her husband as a private in the revolutionary war.]