

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Eli Joyner W7925  
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Drucilla Joyner

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### Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, the act of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1843, and the act of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1844.

State of North Carolina, Halifax County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1846

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1846 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Halifax Eli Joyner Jr. son of the Eli Joyner Senior Deceased who being first 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 July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows; also the act of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1843 and the act of 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844.

This Declarant the aforesaid Eli Joyner, Jr. on behalf of himself and the other heirs of Eli Joyner Senior Deceased states that the said Eli Joyner Senior was a Private Soldier in the North Carolina Continental line in the War of the Revolution, [several words obliterated] and as such, served the United States in said War.

That he entered the service some time in the year 1778 for the term of nine months and that he served out the same, in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line (as Declarant has understood and believes) and under the following named officers (To Wit) General Hogan [sic, James Hogan] and Captain Pink Eaton [Pinketham Eaton], the name of his Colonel declarant does not know.

That said Eli Joiner Senior was married in the year 1786 to Drucilla Bishop in the County and State aforesaid; and as husband and wife, they lived together till the death of said Eli Joyner, who died in the year 1812 and that his widow the aforesaid Drucilla departed this life on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1845. And this Declarant further says forth on his oath, that the said Drucilla was not married to the aforesaid Eli Joyner prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 (this: at the time above stated).

And this Declarant further sets forth on his said oath, that the aforesaid Drucilla did not marry after the death of her husband the aforesaid Eli Joyner, but remained his widow to her death.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open Court.

S/ William W. Daniel, Clk

S/ Eli Joyner



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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of Statements

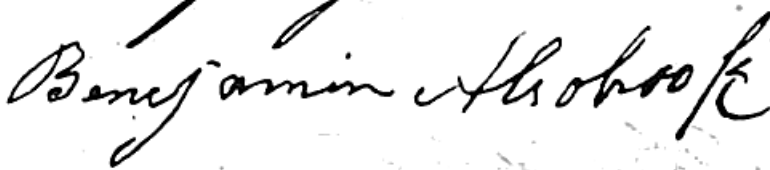
I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that

it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, and the Revolutionary War, that Eli Joiner [sic] a private Soldier and Colonel Mess or \_\_\_ Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment entered the service on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1778, for the term of nine months.

Given under my hand this second day of October 1846.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

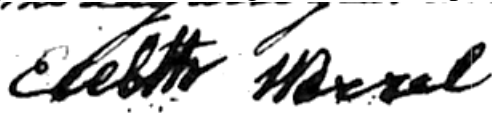
[p 3: On October 22, 1846 in Halifax County North Carolina, Benjamin Alsobrook, 71, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Ely Joyner Senior [sic], a revolutionary war soldier and his wife Drucilla whose maiden name was Drucilla Bishop; that Eli and Drucilla lived together as man and wife and resided in the same neighborhood as affiant; that if the oldest child of Eli and Drucilla was now living he would be at least 58 years old.



Benjamin Alsobrook

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[p 4: On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1846 in Halifax County North Carolina, Elizabeth Worrel, , 80, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife Drucilla whose maiden name was Drucilla Bishop; that she, the affiant, was present at their marriage in 1786; that if their oldest child, Henry Joyner, was now living he would be upwards of 58 years old.



Elizabeth Worrel

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[p 7: On July 4, 1846 in Halifax County North Carolina, Franky Brewer, 84, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife Drucilla, whose maiden name was Drucilla Bishop; that she, affiant, was not present at their wedding but knows that it took place in 1786 because it was the year after the birth of her oldest child Turner Brewer; that the veteran and his wife had the following named children: Henry, Sarah, Mealy, Mary and Eli Joyner Junior, their youngest child who she thinks is now 40 years old if not more. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 19: On March 12, 1848 in Halifax County North Carolina, Elizabeth Worrel, 83, gave another affidavit in which she states that she lived within 2 or 3 miles of Eli Joyner and was well aware of his entering the service; "and knows that he was in the Service of the United States in said War, nearly or quite 12 months from the time he entered the Service, until he returned home; that she well recollects to have heard the said Eli Joyner lay sick in the Hospital some time before he returned home, and that his father old Joe war Joyner had to send after him and bring him home; and she recollects well that he was dangerously sick for a long time after he got home; for his Father's family, a part of the time, went over constantly to set up with him." She further testified that she was present at the marriage of the veteran and Drucilla Bishop; that she knows the wedding took place in 1786 by the age of her oldest child by her 1<sup>st</sup> husband Abner Bruce which child if living she knows would be as much as 59 years old and she knows that Henry Joyner the oldest child of Eli and Drucilla Joyner was several years older than the affiant's oldest child and if living would be at least 61 years old.]

[p 22: On March 11, 1848 in Halifax County North Carolina, General Young, 64, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife Drucilla; that they had several children; that their oldest child was Henry Joyner who the affiant understands died quite small; that affiant was well

acquainted with this 2<sup>nd</sup> child Ira and is confident that if Ira Joyner were living Ira would be near 60 years old.

*General Young* ]

[p 23: On March 11, 1848 in Halifax County North Carolina, John Sills, 60, gave testimony essentially identical to that given by General Young as noted above.

*John Sills* ]

[p 23: On March 13, 1848 in Halifax County North Carolina, Eli Lewis, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with old Mrs. Drucilla Joyner widow of Eli Joyner Senior; that Drucilla Joyner died in the affiant's house he believes on July 31, 1845; that she was buried on August 1, 1845 and that affiant helped to bury her.

*Eli Lewis* ]

[p 24: On March 13, 1845 in Halifax County North Carolina, Kindred King and Laertis King gave testimony that they helped bury Drucilla Joyner on Friday August 1, 1845

*Kindred King*  
*Laertis M. King* ]

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1849, personally appeared before me James Bridgers an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Major Micajah Pettway,<sup>1</sup> a Private and Adjutant in the War of the Revolution, and a Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$129.99 per annum, resident of said County and State, aged eighty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath certify that he was well acquainted with Eli Joyner of Halifax County State aforesaid, and knows that said Joyner was a Private Soldier of the North Carolina Continental line in the War of the revolution, for Affiant was in service with him, and knew him well while in Service, that he does not recollect how long said Joyner remained in service, but his impression is, that he was born of the nine months drafted Soldiers.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above mentioned before me.

S/ Jas. Bridgers, JP

S/ Micajah Pettway

*Micajah Pettway*

<sup>1</sup> [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S3668](#)

[p 10: Eli Joyner, Sr., was survived by two children, Mary Joyner who intermarried with Eli Whitehead and Eli Joyner Jr.]

[Veteran's widow was granted a pension at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband's service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]