

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hezekiah Bryan W895

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State of Tennessee Marshall County

Be it known that on the 11th day of August A.D. 1849 before me George R May Esquire a Justice of the Peace of said County personally appeared Hezekiah Bryan of said County aged about ninety years, who having been first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832, viz.

That he was born in South Carolina, District not now remembered, about the year 1759 or 1760 according to the tradition of his family. He was a resident in Wake County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War and served as a private soldier, as follows, viz. As a private in a Company commanded by Captain __ under the command of Colonel Coulston, in the North Carolina Troops, raised soon after Gates was defeated at Camden; that he went as a substitute for a son Thomas who had been drafted: that he was received into the service under Deep River, on which River the Corps to which he belonged & which was commanded by Colonel Coulston, remained for six months. That during this period he was frequently engaged in scouting parties in pursuit of Tories, who were in the neighborhood of the American soldiers & when his tour of duty had expired, he received a discharge in writing from his commanding officer, for a tour of duty as of not less than six months, but this Declarant is unable to state the precise periods of that service, having on his return given his discharge to Asa Thomas in whose place he served, and not having left any memorandum or record of dates, he cannot state it more particularly than he has done above, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove it more particularly.

He further declares that he served another "Tour" of duty as a twelve months man, in the war of the Revolution, in a company raised in Wake County, in a company commanded by Captain Dixon and one Lieutenant Dickson, in a Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Dixon or Dickson and under the General command of General Greene, and entered the service as a private of said company at Granville Court House, in North Carolina about the __ day of June A.D. 1781; – and marched with his company through Hillsboro, Guilford, Rowan Counties remaining a few days, at various points on the march, but finally going to the Hills of Santee, through Camden in South Carolina, in South Carolina, where he remained about 2 months. – Then he marched to a place called Fort Thompson, and was afterwards with the American Army

while in pursuit of the British before the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs], and was in the American Army under Greene, at the time of that Battle, but was not immediately engaged in the Battle, being with the rear guard, under the command of his proper company & regimental officers.

He was then marched with his company back to Hills of the Santee, where he remained for some time. He then recrossed the Santee River, passed the Edisto River to a place called the Round O and then to a place called Pon Pon, and soon afterwards marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River, above Charleston, where his company remained a month or two and then marched back to Camden – thence to Charlotte in North Carolina; then through Salisbury & then to Guilford Court House, and his period of 12 months service having expired, he received a written discharge from his commanding officer, who, was at that time Lieutenant Bell or Dickson, and had been since the Battle of Eutaw, as near as this Declarant can remember, having served not less than 12 months, being discharged about the month of June after the Battle of Eutaw. But this discharge has long since perhaps 50 or 60 years then lost or mislaid, so that no memorandum or other Record of any kind, now remains to show the exact dates of the entrance of Declarant into service, nor the exact period of his discharge, leaving this Declarant to depend wholly upon his memory, but this Declarant is certain and he so declares, that he served in all not less than eighteen months in both tours of his duty, and perhaps some months longer than the period for which he was engaged. In the 12 months tour he was a substitute in the place of Frank Jones. This Declarant further states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his service, and that he does not know of any Documentary evidence or Records by which he could prove the same,

He further declares, that he has never received any pension or Bounty Land, either from the United States or any State of this Union for said Revolutionary service, and he hereby relinquishes all claim which he may have to any such except the present claim.

Test

S/ Hezekiah Bryan, X his mark

S/ M. M. Haynes [?]

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year above written

S/ G. R. May, JP

Interrogatories propounded by the Justice of the Peace, according to form required by the Department of the Interior (formerly War Department)

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State (or Province Rather) of South Carolina, but I do not remember the name of the District, about 1759 or 1760.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I had a Record in an old Bible many years ago, but that Bible, I gave to a daughter now living in Perry County, State of Tennessee, & I do not know whether she still has it or not. I have no Record in my possession.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Question Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. During the Revolutionary War I lived in Wake County, State of North Carolina, 18 miles from Raleigh, with one H. L. Dreg. Jones, a blacksmith with whom I was learning the blacksmith trade. After the revolution I lived in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina about 25 miles from Charlotte where I married Mary Powell about the year 1786 at the house of John Furr, by the Reverend Mr Neuseman, a Baptist clergyman, after public banns, according to law, at Haynes Meeting house, with whom I lived until the present time. We had eight children

in North Carolina and then moved about the year 1810 to the Indiana Territory, when General Harrison was Governor, where we remained until about the year 1816 or 1817 when we removed to Rutherford County, State of Tennessee and lived several years, and about the year 1823 or 1824, we moved to Bedford County of said State, where we have lived until the present time, but now in Marshall County (a new County since made out of Bedford & other Counties) – with the exception of the year 1847 & 1848, during which period we lived with a son in Hickman County of this State – but have lived since December 1848 in our old neighborhood and Marshall County (formerly Bedford) but I am too feeble and health, being with difficulty able to walk across the house, to undergo the fatigue a journey to the Court-house of Marshall County –

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I was a substitute in one tour, as I have already stated, I was a substitute for Asa Thomas and in the other, or 12 months tour, I was a substitute for Frank Jones. I was always and infantry or foot soldier, & went as a substitute for drafted man.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Of the North Carolina Troops, Militia, & State Line, I knew, Colonels Dickson & Coulston, Colonel Lytle, Major McKree [sic, probably a reference to Griffith John McRea], Captain Sharp & Hall, Lieutenants Bell, Dickson & Sneed, with whom & under whom I served as a soldier. Of the Regular or Continental Army, I served under & new General Greene, – I also knew Colonels Lee, Washington, besides a host of others. I also saw many South Carolina officers, amongst whom were Generals Marion & Sumpter and Colonel Malmedy, or some such name, a Frenchman – I believe I stated the particulars on serving my Service, as near as I can distinctly remember same, in my declaration –

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I have already stated, in my Declaration as fully as I can remember.

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I think that James Billington and Andrew Smith have known me for many years, & that they could testify if called upon to do so. The Reverend John Rushon, a Baptist minister & Reverend Joshua K. Spears of the Christian Society have known me many years, and I have been originally a member of the Baptist Church but am now of the Christian Society (commonly called Campbellites). Others can be named if necessary, and I doubt not the Magistrate of the neighborhood could testify to the same, George R May Esquire

Test: S/ J. A. Haynes,

S/ Hezekiah Bryan, Senior, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year 1st above written.

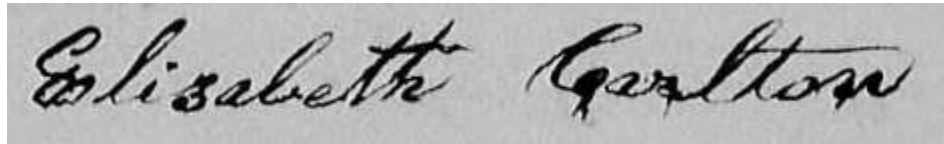
S/ G. R. May, JP

[James Billington and Andrew Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 15: on April 12, 1850 in Bedford County, Tennessee, Mary Brian, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Hezekiah Bryan, a pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum for his services in the revolution; that her husband died January 30, 1850 in Marshall County Tennessee; that she married him September 24, 1785 or 6; that she was

married to him at the house of John Powell, her father in the County of Mecklenburg, State of North Carolina by the Reverend Mr. Neuseman, a clergyman, at the Haynes Meeting House in said County; that she has no record in her possession of her marriage nor is she aware of any family or church record thereof; that she raised 8 sons and daughters during the lifetime of her husband the oldest of whom, Elizabeth Carleton, is now 63 years old and lives in Marshall County Tennessee.]

[fn p. 19: On July 29, 1850 in Marshall County Tennessee, Elizabeth Carlton, 63, gave testimony that she is the oldest child of Hezekiah and Mary Bryan; that according to a record kept in a Bible by her first husband (Bird Stokes) from the family record of her father about the year 1809 which record was afterwards again transcribed into another Bible by her last husband, John Carlton, about 1822, which latter record is in her possession, the following record appears "Elizabeth Carlton, daughter of Hezekiah Bryan and Mary, his wife, was born August the 4th day 1788. "; That her mother's maiden name was powerful and that her grandfather's name was John Powell.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Carlton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Elizabeth" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Carlton".

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 Hezekiah Bryan a private Soldier in Captain Dixon's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 15th day of June 1781, for the term of twelve months and left the service on the 16th day of June 1782.

Given under my hand this 1st day of September 1849
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]