

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Bryant: S3051

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State of Tennessee }
County of Grainger } SS.

On this twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty two, personally appeared before the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Grainger in the state of Tennessee, (being a Court of Record) James Bryant a resident of Grainger County in the State of Tennessee aged abut eighty three years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1780, with Edward Wethenton and served in the [blank] Regiment in the Virginia line, under the following named Officers, to wit, Colonel John Montgomery and Major Crittenden, and Major George Wales Commanded as Major in said Regiment. Captain Edward Wethenton and Lieutenant Richard Clark and Ensign Jarnett Williams. Subsequently during his service Captain John Baily commanded the company to which he belonged. He states that he left the service in the Spring of the year 1783 having been honorably discharged by Major George Wales, who then commanded in his Regiment. He enlisted in the Town of Boonsborough [sic: Boonesboro] on the Kentucky River in what is now called the State of Kentucky, what County this declarant cannot now recollect. He was stationed there as a militia man at the time he enlisted. That his residence was in the State of Virginia in the County of Bedford, where he had been drafted for a six months tour of duty and marched to Boonsborough and before said six months expired he enlisted as a regular soldier. He was in the following battles, to wit. The battle at the Chillicothe Towns - five days Siege at Fort Jefferson on the Mississippi [sic: Mississippi] ten miles below the mouth of Ohio - At Okeho[?] on the Mississippi where a small skirmish was had with the Indians. During his service he decended with the troops from the falls of the Ohio [at present Louisville] down by water to the Mississippi and assisted in the building and defending Fort Jefferson. From thence he ascended the Ohio river to the falls and assisted in building a fort there From this last mentioned point he was marched up the Ohio and upon the Miami River three several times and back to the fort at the falls of Ohio. This declarant cannot state the number of the Regiment in which he served, but he recollects that during the time he served it was called the Illinois Regiment and Clark's Regiment. During the service he recollects General George R. Clark, who commanded the expedition to which declarant was attached and in which he was engaged. he likewise recollects Captain Robert George, Captain Keller, and Captain Taylor. He states that he served three years as a regular soldier as aforesaid and was discharged at the time before stated at the falls of Ohio. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

James hisXmark Bryant

The said James Bryant further states that he received a discharge in writing from Colonel John Montgomery at the end of his service. That shortly after he received said discharge he was taken a prisoner by the Indians when it was taken from him by the Indians and destroyed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

James hisXmark Bryant