

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Bryant *S14993* *f25MD*
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State of Maryland

Queen's Anns [*Queen Anne's*] County Sct.

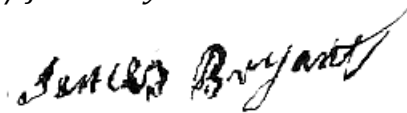
On this 4th day of August in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and forty personally *appeared* before us the judges of the Orphan's Court of Queen Anns' County a Court of Record of the State of Maryland James Bryant a resident of Queen Anns County age eighty three years who being first duty sworn according to law both on his oath make the falling declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed on the seventh day of June eighty hundred and thirty two

That he entered the service of the United States under the *following* officers hereinafter named and served as herein stated that he in listed in Queen Ann's County for three years on the thirteenth day of April 1777 under captain Levin Winder and the recruiting Sargeant was Sargeant John Chambers my Colonel was John Gunby and was sent from Queen Anns County to the City of Annapolis where I joined the troops that was under the command of General Smallwood [*William Smallwood*] and was transferred to Captain Moore's company then we were ordered from Annapolis to the head of the bay to which place we took passage in boats when we arrived at the head of the bay we joined the main army which was commanded under General Washington then we marched through Pennsylvania through Delaware through the Jerseys. I was in the battle of Brandywine on the 11th of September in said year [*1777*] and in the battle of Germantown [*October 4, 1777*] in October in said year, I was in the battle when the Hessians surrendered by which we took about 1000 prisoners which was in the month of December of said year [*sic Battle of Trenton, December 26, 1776*] and in the same battle Captain Bracker of Talbot County was killed after I had served out the three years honorably I received a discharge from General Washington which discharge was destroyed by rats, my discharge was given me on the 13th of April 1780. This deponent farther stated upon oath that he was bred and born in Queen Anns County where he enlisted and gives reference to Governor Grason Judge Earl of said County Chief Judge Chambers of said County Lawyer Carmicheal Colonel Henry Maynadier of Annapolis City who was then acting assistant sergent under Doctor Micheal Wallace of the second Maryland regiment at the battle of Brandywine and this deponent farther states that in June 1782 he shipped under Captain Dashiell [*Robert Dashiell*] in the barge

*Terrible*¹ and sailed from Talbot County for one year in the state service *Oakly Haddaway* was his *Lieutenant* and the fleet was commanded by *Commodore Grason [Thomas Grason]*² the uncle of the present Governor of the *State* of Maryland and we arrived at a place in the Chesapeak [*Chesapeake*] called Bars Island. We *pursued* the enemy until we got near James Island in the said bay and we got in contact with the British barges and the said 'barge *Terrible*' was blown up during the engagement and the most parts of the crew was lost in consequence of the enemy having withdrawn from the waters of the said bay after which he was *pressed* and taken from his own boat by General Washington in the *State* of Maryland and put on board of the schooner 'Blazen Star' [*sic, Blazing Star*]³ and was commanded by *Captain Viney [sic, Winey]* under the command of a certain *Captain Nowell* to York in York County Virginia or as it is frequently denominated the *Siege of York Town*, after that event heat together with others were put on board of the same schooner still lying at *Burrs ferry* for the purpose of going to *Richmond* to obtain supplies for the Army after procuring them he returned it to the said ferry and again landed and joined the Army at *York-Town* where he remained until peace was proclaimed, when and where he was discharged from any further service by the said *Captain Nowell* and he *James Bryant* do hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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 or if any only that in the agency of the *State of Maryland* and the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant *James Bryant* was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

Sworn to and subscribed before us Judges of the Orphans Court of Queen Anns County

S/ James Bryant



Land office Annapolis 22nd June, 1840,

I hereby Certify, that it appears by the Muster Rolls of the Revolution, remaining in this Office, that *James Bryant* enlisted as a private, in *Captain Morris's*

¹ *Terrible*. Coggins:106, Eller:280, MD Navy barge acquired in 1778, Capt Robert Dashiell, and lost in Nov 1782 at the Battle of the Barges. C83. Silverstone:18, brig. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20T.html>

² GRASON, THOMAS, MD, Commodore, Maryland Navy: Thomas Grason was in command of the *Dolphin* in September 1778. With the sloop *Hannah* (Captain Hussey), the *Conqueror* and the *Chester*, he cruised about the Virginia Capes to protect commerce. Commanding the *Revenge*, with Captains Dashiell and Speddin, he took two schooners and a barge. On 17 November 1780 he commanded several vessels transporting troops from the Head of Elk to Virginia, assisted by Captain Middleton and Lieutenants Ewing and Skinner. [NOAR, 126] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20G.html>

³ *Blazing Star*. M880:4, schooner, Capt. Winey, supporting Yorktown operations, Oct 1781. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20B.html>

Company of the 7th Maryland Regiment on the 13th day of April 1777 and was discharged on the 13th day of April 1780,

S/ George G Brawer

Regt. Land Office W. L. Md.

State of Maryland Queen Anns County to wit

*Be it remembered that on this 4th day of August 1840 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County personally appeared Nathan Allen⁴ who made oath in due form of law that he is **eighty**-three years of age that from certain circumstances which took place during the time I was in the barges under Commodore Grayson, I do believe that James Bryant is the identical person that was in the said service during the revolutionary War to the best of his knowledge.*

Sworn before

S/ Edward H Coursey

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Maryland Continental line and the Maryland sea service.]

⁴ FPA S8011