

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

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 about 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 [sic: Edward Worthington R19205] and served in the [blank] Regiment in the Virginia line, under the following named Officers, to wit, Colonel John Montgomery [R16522] and Major Crittenden [John Crittenden R13465], and Major George Wales [sic: George Walls R18785] Commanded as Major in said Regiment. Captain Edward Wethenton and Lieutenant Richard Clark [X149] and Ensign Jarnett Williams. Subsequently during his service Captain John Baily [R19354] 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 [George Rogers Clark VAS2169], who commanded the expedition to which declarant was attached and in which he was engaged. he likewise recollects Captain Robert George [R14396], Captain Keller [sic: Abraham Kellar R15580], and Captain Taylor [Isaac Taylor W601]. 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

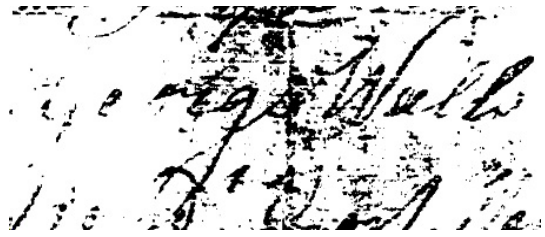
The said James Bryant further states that he received a discharge in writing from Colonel John Montgomery at the end of his service. That shortly after he received said discharge he was taken a prisoner by the Indians when it was taken from him by the Indians and destroyed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid James hisXmark Bryant

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

James Bryant a Soldier in the Illinois Regiment and of Captain Abraham Chapline's [R13134] Company having served three years according to the term of his Inlistment per Certificate of captain Edward Worthington In consequence of which he is hereby Duly discharged from his Inlistment

Given under my hand/ Fort Nelson Falls of the Ohio/ 13th Day of March 1783
To all whome it May Concern George Walls Maj
 Fort Nelson
Genuine/ T. Meredith

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Walls", with a date "13th March 1783" written below it.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Anderson Bryant VAS2736.]

To his Excellency Governor Tazwell [sic: Tazewell]

your memorialist Francis Manuel of Surry[?] Co. Virg'a being one of the heirs of the late Anderson Bryant, James Bryant [S3051] and Bertrand Bryant [VAS2737] respectfully represents that each of said Bryants, who were his uncles on his mother's side, were regular enlisted soldiers in the Virg'a service in the Revolutionary War as he has always heard and does believe to be so. your memorialist has heard that s'd Anderson Bryant enlisted in a troop or Reg't of Draggons [sic: dragoons] and that he served thro' the war. That the s'd James Bryant was also in the regular service of the State but your memorialist [is not] informed what reg't he belonged to or the length of time he enlisted for, or was in service. That s'd Bertrand Bryant was also in s'd regular service of s'd State by enlistment, but your memorialist is not sufficiently informed to say the length of time he enlisted for, or was in service. Your memorialist prays that each of said cases may be [undeciphered word] for examination, and that the land bounty usually allowed in such cases may be granted to him and the remaining heirs of said soldiers who are the brothers & sisters of your memorialist – and your [part missing at bottom of image] ever pray.

[25 July 1835]

[signed] F Manuel

References – Anderson Bryant – see Journal of House Delegates 14th Nov'r 1789 his petition – see same Journal 27th Nov'r 1789 report of his services from July 1780 to end of War - page 82. He belonged to 3rd Reg't of Dragoons.

James Bryant – Serg't in Illinois Reg't rec'd bal. of full pay – was in Cap. Taylor's [Isaac Taylor W601] Co under Maj'r Walls 1782 – see Ill. papers

Bertrand Bryant – was in Cap. Woods Co. See Book with Linen cover and pay roll “undeciphered word] & Winchester”

Report on the claims of the heirs of James Bryant, Anderson Bryant, and Bertrand Bryant – soldiers – for bounty land for their services.

To the Governor/ Sir, These claims have been all presented in the same memorial.

The name of James Bryant occurs 3 times on the Army Register of the State line, and twice on that of the Continental line.

James Bryant, a sold'r of the Illinois Reg't receiv'd, (by Mr. Broadhead) June 25 1784, a certificate for £43.6.4, the bal. of his full pay &c.

D'o a sold'r of Inf'y d'o d'o receiv'd, (by Mr Broadhead) July 30 1784 a cert. for £41.9.4 the bal. of his full pay &c.

D'o a Sold'r of Inf'y d'o d'o receiv'd (by John Maury) a certificate for £28.13.4 the bal. of his full pay &c, April 20 1785. (see Army Register of the State line.)

James Bryant a sold'r of the Cont'l line receiv'd, (by Mr. Hancock) June 16 1784, a certificate for £28.16. the bal. of his full pay &c

James Bryant a sold'r of the Cont'l line, receiv'd (by J. Hawkins, a certificate for £52.16.10 the balance of his full pay &c August 1783 (see army Register of the Cont'l line.)

James Bryant a soldier of the State line has receiv'd 100 acres of land.

It appears, from the Illinois Payrolls & Muster Rolls that James Bryant was a soldier of the Illinois Reg't, enlisted March 10 1780 for the war, and that he serv'd until March 13 1783 when he was discharg'd – (see Payrolls & muster Rolls of Capt Edward Worthingtons Comp'y – from these dates of their enlistment to the 30th Nov'r 1781 – of Capt Rich'd Brashear's [Richard Brashear R12756] Comp'y from Jan'y 1st to July 31 1782 – of Capt. Isaac Taylors Comp'y from the 1st to the 31st of august 1782 – of Capt. Abraham Chaplins Comp'y from Sept 1st 1782, to Jan'y 1st 1783 & from Feb'y 1st 1783 to April 14th 1783 – vol. 1 Illinois Papers.)

The names of Anderson Bryant & Bertrand Bryant do not appear on the army Register, either of the Cont'l or State line; and I have seen no proof of the term of their enlistment & service; nor any proof of their being Soldiers in the regular Army of the Revolution except that which follows

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ August 5th 1835

In the Journal of the house of Delegates, of Nov'r 14 1789 p. 59 & 60 it appears, that Anderson Bryant presented a Petition to the General assembly, setting forth that he serv'd as a soldier in the troops, of the state, during the war of the Revolution, and by accident was prevented from applying for a settlement of the af'd for the depreciation of his pay, until the law authorizing the same had expir'd; and praying that the auditor might be directed to liquidate the same & grant certificates for the balance due him – which petition was refer'd to the Committee of claims &c. It further appears, from the Journal of the same Body that Mr. Lee Reported from the Com'tee of claims nov'r 27 1789 pages 84 & 85 of the Journal the following Resolution – “Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the petition of anderson Bryant, praying to be allow'd his pay & depreciation, for serving from the 16th day of July in the year 1780 until the end of the late war, as a Soldier in the 3rd Reg't of light Dragoons, commanded by Col. Wm Washington, is reasonable” – which Resolution was order'd to lie on the table. It further appears, from the Journal of the same body of Dec'r 19 1789 p. 138-139 that the following Resolution was agreed to &c viz. “Resolv'd that as the muster rolls, which were some years ago obtained from the war office of the U. States, for the purpose of checking claims for military services, have been return'd, and as also the term limited by the said U. States, nothing which the several states were authoriz'd to liquidate such claims on account of the [undeciphered word] hath expir'd, the petitions of (sundry soldiers) Anderson Bryant &c ought to be refered, together with the several Resolutions thereupon, to the proper officers of the Federal government, for taking cognizance of such cases” &c &c (see Journals of the H. of De. of the above dates)

Bertrand Bryants name appears on the list of Capt. Woods Comp'y refer'd to by the claimants & mark'd “Boonney[?] & Winchester” But that list, or payroll, was made out, for services render'd before the Revolution.

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that James Bryant's widow received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 2 July 1839.