Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Bryant S38570

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Virginia, At a Court of Hustings held for the Town and Corporation of Fredericksburg the 9th day of April 1818

John Bryant aged sixty one years, residing in Fredericksburg, came into Court and declared on oath, that he enlisted on the 10th day of March 1777, as a private under Lieutenant Gresham, of the light Dragoons, commanded by Lieutenant Colo. George Baylor [W5966], the Company commanded by Captain Churchill Jones [BLWt304-300], for the term of three years, but served nearly five years; that he was discharged after the Seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]; that his discharge is lost or mislaid; and that from his age and reduced circumstances, he stands in need of the assistance of his Country. And it further appeared to the Court from the evidence of Reubin Plunkett [Reuben Plunkett S25752], and Churchill Jones, that the said declaration of the said John Bryant is true as to his enlistment and term of service; all which the Court directs to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War of the United States.

Fredericksburg June 15th 1818

I do hereby Certify that I have years past attended the above named John Bryant; and do assent, that He is a Cripple upon Crutches, and never will be able to walk without their assistance: His circumstances will not permit the expense of travelling to Washington, but could he make his appearance in that City and offer himself for examination by the Medical Staff, I feel confident that those Professional Gentlemen would entirely agree with me in opinion.

O Wellford Physician & Surgeon

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Bryen, John.]

I do Certify that John Bryen served as a Soldier in the 3 Reg't of Light Dragoons, from early in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven, Untill the end of the war.

Churchill Jones January 19th 1808

during the War

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No Warrant Appears to have iss'd to John Bryen

Wm Price Reg'r

William Bryant [sic] served as a soldier in the 3 Reg't of Light Dragoons from early in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven untill the end of the war