

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Bruce S39212

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District of West Tennessee

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1821 personally appeared in Circuit Court of the County of Rutherford in open court the same being a court of record before the Hon. Thomas Stuart one of the judges of the circuit Courts for the said State, George Bruce, aged about sixty years, a resident of said County of Rutherford, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, That he the said George Bruce enlisted for the term of three years on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1776 in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Capt. Hezekiah Rice in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Col. Polk in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps for three years, when he was captured by the enemy at the Siege of Charleston [May 12, 1780], he remained a prisoner for near six months, when he was pressed into British Naval service & made his escape from that service to his own country, That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & Stony Point [July 16, 1779] – And that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services except his own oath,

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule of the property of George Bruce

1 horse

1 colt

Debts & accts amg [amounting?] to \$25

Debts owing by me \$5

S/ George Bruce, X his mark

His occupation is that of a farmer: but owing to his age, his mental & bodily infirmities he cannot prosecute his business to ensure a necessary maintenance; but is compelled to look to the bounty of his government for a support. He has no family.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 25<sup>th</sup> August 1821

S/ William Ledbetter, Clk

S/ George Bruce, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 1<sup>st</sup> December 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that George Bruce a private in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment in Col. Cook's Company was mustered on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1777 for 3 years –

The date of his discharge is not mentioned.

Given under my hand the date above  
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1821, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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[Another version]

**Pension Application of George Bruce**, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 384, Application #S39212

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

George Bruce, a resident of Rutherford County, TN, aged 60, in 1821:

“That the said George Bruce enlisted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of 1776, in the state of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Hezekiah Rice, in the 9<sup>th</sup> regiment commanded by Colonel Polk, in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said corps for three years, when he was captured by the enemy at the siege of Charleston. He remained a prisoner of war for near six months, when he was pressed into the British Naval service, and made his escape from that service to his own country. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine, and Monmouth and Stony Point, etc.”

From a letter from the War Dept., dated Feb. 20, 1835

Sir,

“The letter of Mr. George Bruce is herewith returned. It appears that he served in the 9<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Continental regiment in Captain Cook’s company, from March 1777 for three years, and for this service he now receives a pension of \$90 per annum under the Act of March 18, 1818.”

“The books of this office furnish no evidence in relation to any amount which he claims either in the shape of bounty land or pay of any description, except the pension above mentioned. All claims for military pay for Revolutionary service are barred by the act of limitation, etc.”