Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brien (Bryan) W9747 Margaret fn17NC Transcribed by Will Graves 10/4/10

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: On the 17th day of October 1820 Personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of record) of said County John Bryan aged 58 years 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 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said John Bryan Enlisted for the Term of eighteen months sometime in the year 1782 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Raiford in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Litle [sic Archibald Lytle] in the line of the State of North Carolina Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps eleven months and was furloughed the 7th of July 1783 and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services except the subjoined deposition.

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 18th 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 18th 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

1 small horse worth	\$50
7 head of sheep	8.75
four sows & 5 year old hogs	18.50
one plan two axes one hoe	<u>4.</u>
	\$81.25

the said John further declares that his family consists of himself a common laborer and his wife Margaret aged 58 1 daughter 20 years of age and want orphan child about 10 years of age a girl.

S/ John Brien

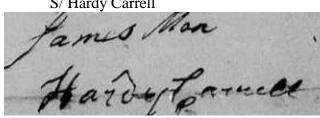


State of North Carolina Duplin County

On this 17th day of October 1820 Personally appeared in open Court James Moore¹ and Hardy Carrol² who being first sworn according to law, Deposeth and sayeth – that John Bryan joined the Army during the Revolutionary war on or about the 1st day of August 1782 and continued in service until the last of July or 1st of August 1783 in the North Carolina Continental line under Colonel Lytle and further these deponents saith not.

Test: S/ Jas. Pearsall, Clk

S/ James Moor S/ Hardy Carrell



State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 12th of December 1820

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 John Bryan a private in Captain McRee's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered for 12 months on the 20th May 1781 and, "Left the service on the 25th May 1782."

> Given under my hand the date above S/Wm Hill

[fn p. 10: on September 24, 1839 in Duplin County North Carolina, Margaret Bryan, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Bryan; that she married him in May 1780; that they were married by Robert Dickson Esquire, JP; that her husband died December 26, 1822; and that she has remained his widow ever since.]

[fn p. 12: family record – transcribed verbatim] John C. Brien-Was Born July the 15 1781 Sarah Brien Was Born March the 26 1791 Andrew Brien Was Born October the 25 1786 James Brien Was Born December the 25 1793 Marguret Brien Was Born Jenuery the 22 1800 Andrew bryan Was born may the 27 1814 Anna bryan Was Born October the ?? 1812 Aliyan Bryan was Born September 16 th 1817 Ellli wes November th 16 1818

¹ James Moore S37263 ² Sic, Hardy Carrell or Carrol S41469

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State of North Carolina Duplin County

On this the 24th day of September A.D. 1839 before the Honorable Thomas Settle one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in and for the State aforesaid personally appeared in open Court James Moore a resident in said County of Duplin State aforesaid aged seventy-seven years last April who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he was well acquainted with John Bryan the husband of Margaret Bryan who is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of July 4, 1836 and served with him in the War of the revolution. We enlisted with Captain Thomas Evans in the spring or summer of 1781 William Bush Lieutenant Adjutant – rendezvoused at the Cross Roads in this County & marched to Wilmington, thence to Georgetown, thence to General Greene's Army below Bacon's Bridge thence to James Island for winter quarters & placed under Captain Ben: Coleman, Curtis Ivy Lieutenant attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle being the 10th thence to Wilmington & discharged in the summer or fall of 1782 enlisted for eighteen months but discharged before that time expired – he was a private and a married man before he entered the service – and considerable older than this affiant – both pensioners under the act of 1818 – that Bryan has been dead for several years.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ James Moore

State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this the 30th day of October A D 1839 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally appeared Jacob Wells a resident in said County of New Hanover aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that to his knowledge John Bryant now deceased was a resident of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina and at the time of his death a pensioner of the United States, and his widow Margaret Bryant before marriage Margaret Thally now an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress of July 4th 1836 were married he believes in May (1780), by Robert Dickson then an Acting Justice of the Peace for said County of Duplin.

S Jacob Wells. X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 17th, 1820, for one year service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private.]