

SERVICE

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Bryan, James

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Paid at the Treasury under
the act of the 6th April 1838
from 1st March 1838 to 4th Sept.
1838. Age notified 10 June 1839.

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Pennsylvania

James Bryan
of Fayette Co. in the State of Pennsylvania
who was a private in the Company commanded
by Captain Shaffer of the regt. commanded
by Col: Mitchell in the Delaware mil-
itia for seven months

Inscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania
at the rate of 23 Dollars 33 Cents per annum
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 7 day of July
1837 and sent to W.E.
Austin Esq. Union Town

Arrears to the 4th of March 1837 \$140. —
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 Sept 37 \$10.66

\$151.66

Revolutionary Claim,
606 June 7, 1832.
Recorded by Wm Allison, Clerk
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On this 2nd day of September 1834 personally appeared before the Hon. Thomas H. Baird, Esq.

of the County for said County now sitting James Bryan, a resident of the Township of Union in the County of Fayette and State of Penn. aforesaid aged 71 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he engaged in the service of the United States in the year A. D. 1775 as a volunteer for the term of 8 months on the 12th April under the following named officers.

That he first volunteered as aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain B. Shafer and that he believes that he was attached to Col. Mitchell's Regiment all of the Maryland line Delaware line of Sussex County, in the State of Delaware, and that they was ordered to the mouth of Mispillion Creek of said County and then to continue to guard against the enemy viz, Refugees, Tories, and British who was repeatedly committing there many depredations from the mouth of said Creek, up to Walton's Landing, and that they was, also, guarding the Bay at Cape Henlopen, Broadkill Creek, Petal Town, and Plumb Point, and that he thus continued in the said service until he was honorably discharged by the said officers on or about the 26th day of December of said year at Plumb

Second time in which he volunteered for the term of 8th months more, under the said officers on or about the 10th day of March 1780, and again ordered out to the said Mispillion Creek, also as occasion required they was ordered to the forenamed places, and likewise to Lewis Town, and in which neighborhood they continued for some considerable time, until ordered to the Lighthouse at Cape Henlopen &c, where they remained perhaps about 3 months as near as he declarant can recollect, and from thence to Cohanby River, and after about one week they was ordered to the said river to Rehoboth Bay where they remained there and in that part of the country for several weeks, after which they was ordered to the said Lewistown, and declarant believes from thence to the Lighthouses at Cape Henlopen where they remained until they was taken to Broadkill Creek, and detained there until they was ordered from thence to Petal Town where they remained until he was honorably discharged by his said officers on or about the 13th of November of said year, — And that some time in the summer of 1781 declarant engaged for the term of 3 months under the said officers as well as declarant at present recollects and that they then expected to march to New York, but not being ready in time they was not called, or at least did not march to that place, that some time after which they was ordered to march to Philadelphia, & declarant believes from thence to Virginia but that there orders was remanded, and that they was discharged, ^{in Jersey County} about two weeks before his said three months tour expired which was about the time of Lord Cornwallis's surrender, after which he was no more called out in the said service; declarant, ^{States} that from his late sickness, and infirmity, that having no record of his age, that his birth may have been in the year of 1763, but that he believes that he was only in his 15th year when he first engaged in the said service, and that the statement contains the whole of his services as near as declarant can possibly recollect, amounting to 19 months as a volunteer, for which he claims a pension, but his last 3 months tour may not be satisfactory to the Hon. Department, as not having served ^{eight} months and two weeks, he claims a pension for the said ^{eight} months tour of 16 months and 16 days that he cannot recollect the date of his 3 months tour further than above stated.

And that he was born on the 12th of April A.D. 1764, in the said County of Sussex in the State of Delaware aforesaid, where he resided during the whole period of the said Revolutionary War, about two miles from the town of Milford, and that in the year A.D. 1795 he moved to Frost Cumberland County of Allegany in the State of Maryland, where he resided until the year of 1825, and from thence to the State of Pennsylvania, in the County of Fayette, & has ever since of Union aforesaid, where he now resides. — And that he has no documentary evidence of his said services, that his discharge was lost by accident to the said County of Fayette where he yet resides.

that HE hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he decl'res that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State whatsoever.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Courtesy Richd. Beeson
Pittsly

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James Bonyan
Seal

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James Bonyan
Seal

We Thornton Fleming, a Clergyman residing in the Town of Union of said County, & Samuel Little, residing in the County aforesaid, do hereby certify, that they are acquainted with the said James Bonyan who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that they believe him to be 70 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that they concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

Richd. Beeson
Pittsly

Thornton Fleming
Seal
Sam'l. Little
Seal

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Thornton Fleming who has signed the preceding certificate, is a Clergyman and a resident in the County aforesaid and that Sam'l. Little who has also signed the same is resident in the said County and is a credible person and that their statements are entitled to credit.

I Richard Weston, clerk of the court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of James Bonyan for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal of office, this 3^d day of October A.D. 1834

Richd. Beeson
Clerk

State of Pennsylvania
County of Fayette

Perjorally appeared before me the under signed a Justice of the Peace
for said County James Bryan who being duly sworn deposes and saith, by reason of
old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length
of his services, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned
below, and in the following grades as a volunteer for the term of ~~six~~^{forty} months in my first tour
and that after my said term expired late in the year of 1779 I was discharged by Col. M'Intosh.

Said that in the following year, or about the tenth of March 1780 I again volunteered
and served for ~~six~~^{six} months longer in the company commanded by Captain Shaffer, and
of Colonel Mitchell's Regiment, and by whom I was honorably discharged over about the
12th of September 1780, or not exceeding the 16th of the said month of September, by the
said Officers under whom he was first, & secondly under during the above mentioned
two six month tours

Said that on or about the first of August 1781 he again volunteered for the term of three
months, under the said officers (or at least under the same Captain, & Colonel) who told us
that our next campaign would be to New York, but when we went to Philadelphia, I
remained there for one month, & from thence we were expected to have marched to Virginia,
but before we marched the said orders was remanded, and that on or about the first or second
day of September of said year I was honorably discharged by the said officers, and that I
served as a volunteer for the term of ~~six~~^{six} months as above, and that I also served for six months more
which was in my second tour, likewise as a volunteer, and that in my third tour which was
for the term of three months as a volunteer, but discharged after serving one month, making in
the whole at least, thirteen months, and for such service claim a pension

Said that after being under a particular charge for more than one year past, for to
endeavour to recollect all the facts relative to my said services, of which I had been under
the impression that I had actually served much longer than the above periods, but
that on repeated & particular examinations be, that I could not clearly recollect of any
further services other than the above, & together with my former declaration sworn to at Uniontown
some time on or about the last of August or first of September last of which I have no copy
prefixed, ^{not I believe, it ought to be corrected with the above amendment, which hopefully be found to be satisfactory} and that I have no knowledge of any person living who served with me for to
testify in support of my claim, for whom I have made many enquiries, and that it is out of
my power to recollect as distinctly as I would wish, since my memory have been so much
impaired by sickness & age.

Sworn and Subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace James Bryan Sealed
in & for said County, given under my hand at Uniontown this 21st day of April
of April A.D. 1835

Clement Wood

Pennsylvania. I, Richard Beeson Clerk of the Court of Fayette
County, do County certify that Clement Wood is a magistrate
as above & that the above certificate signature

supporting to be his & genuine. In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & the seal of said court
at Uniontown the 21st day of April 1835

Richd. Beeson CLR

State of Pennsylvania
County of Fayette

I, Richard Beeson Clerk of the Court of the County aforesaid
certify that Lamay Clement Wood is a Magistrate as above, and that the
foregoing signature, purporting to be his, is genuine. In testimony whereof,
I have hereunto affixed my Seal of office, and subscribed my name, this
day of April in the year A.D 1835.

admitted of
7 months.

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W. E. Austin.
Min Town.
Pa.

Declaration,
In order to obtain the benefit of the
of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

State of Pennsylvania, }
County of Fayette. } ss.

On this day
of June, personally appeared in open court,
before the Court of Common Pleas for the
County of Fayette, in the State of Pennsylvania,
now sitting, James Bryan, a res-
ident of Franklin Township, in the County
of Fayette, and State of Pennsylvania, who,
being duly sworn according to law, doth
on his oath make the following Decla-
ration: That he served in the Revolutionary
army, as stated in his Declaration, filed
in the Pension Office; that he served two
years of at least three months each in the
other States, that, during that time, ~~that~~ he
was engaged in no other pursuits than
the business and duties of a soldier.

June 5th 1837 -

James Bryan

Witness & subscriber in open court

Thos. Sloan Doty

I, Thomas Sloan, Clerk of the Court of
Common Pleas for the County of Fayette,
in the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby
certify, that the foregoing contains the pro-
ceedings of the said Court, in the matter
of the application of James Bryan for
a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and seal of office, this 5th day of June
1837.

Thomas Sloan
Doty

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File No. 5304

James Bryan

Pri. Rev. War.

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

Suspended
See letter to
Hon. A. Stewart

4. Feb. 1835

28 April 1835 same

Sutton -

letter 3 May 1837 W. E. Weston.

James Edwards Esq.
Commissioner of Pensins
Washington City
D.C.

Union Town Oct 10 1834

James L. Edwards Esq

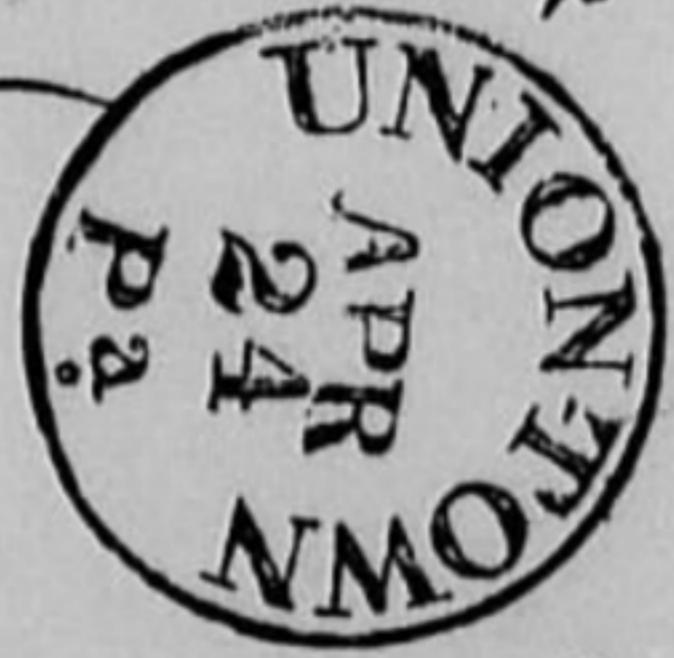
Sir.

at the request of Mr.
~~Sam'l Sutton~~ I state that I am personally
acquainted with James Bryant, James
Emerson, Victor Shaw, and Danl McArthur
who are applicants for pensions under the
act of 7th June 1832 and that from
my knowledge of them I do not believe
that they would on oath misstate facts
they are all in very indigent circumstances
& stand in need of assistance from their
country for support - I have no reason to
doubt the justice of their claims

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Richard Stewart



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C. L. Edwards Esq.
Commissioner of Censuses
Washington City
D.C.

Lee

Sir

Union Town Fayette County Pennsylvania

23^d April 1835

The enclosed declaration of old Mr Bryan's which, perhaps does not contain the whole of his services, but it contains all that he can recollect, also all that he appears to be perfectly willing to testify to, his memory, & health are much impaired.

His character is unquestionably good.— I do not know whether I should have inserted the whole as in a new ^{tion} deal, or not, as I am but little acquainted with the proper manner of proceeding.— Please to reply when convenient

F. L. Edwards

Commissioner of

Pensions

Washington City

I have the honor to be

Respectfully Sir

Your ob^t. Servt

Samuel Sutton

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Comptroller's Office,

June 3^d, 1837.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," James Bryan, — a Pensioner on the Roll of the Philadelphia, Pa. Agency, at the rate of Twenty three Dollars and thirty three Cents per annum, under the law of the 7th June, 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4th of March, 1838, to the 2^d Sept. 1838,

Respectfully, yours,

Wm. H. Bassett

Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,
Present.

Union Town, June 5th, 1837.

Mr. Edwards,

I send you an amendment to James Bryan's Declaration, to obtain the benefit of the Pension Act of 1832. From the letters to Messrs. Sutton and Stewart, I find that the defects of Mr. Bryan's declaration were, his neglecting to state that he was not engaged in any other business than that of a soldier, and the too great length of the towns sworn to. The enclosed Declaration, you will observe, remedies the first defect. In regard to the second, he still thinks that the towns were of longer duration than three months, but is certain that he was in arms for that length of time, at least.

When the former declaration was made, Mr. Bryan lived in Union Town; he now lives in Franklin township.

If this Declaration, in conjunction with the others, will entitle him to a pension, in the opinion of the Department, you will please to send me word as soon as you conveniently can, as Mr. Bryan is both old and feeble. If not, you would confer a great favour by letting me know what else is wanting. Be ~~sure~~ then make a fourth application; as he thinks himself justly entitled to the pension he claims.— Please accept Mr. Bryan's and my thanks for your prompt and satisfactory answer to my former letter.

Very respectfully yours,

Mr. J. L. Edwards.

Wm. G. Austin.