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Bryan, William

S. 6699

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N. C. Carolina

William Bryan, dec'd

Johnston Co in the State of N. C.

who was a Private in the Comp'y commanded
by Captain Whitley of the Regt. commanded
by Col. Bryan &c in the Revolution
for 8 Months private

N.C. Line June 13, 1844
Records corrected

Inscribed on the Roll of N. Carolina
at the rate of 26 Dollars 66 Cents per
annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.
and terminate 11th Feb. 1846, when he died.

Certificate of Pension issued the 24th day of
April, 1847 and sent to J. L. & W.
H. Smith, Esq. Present

Accrues to the 4th of
Semi-annl. allowance ending

Pay to Asa H. Sanct-Joseph,
Eliza & Alice Bryan and Joanna
Thorn-ton only children
Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.

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Clerk,

Reported

Declaration

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

State of North Carolina

Johnston County

§ 9.

On this the 26th day of April 1845. personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace and of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions of said County. William Bryan of the County and State aforesaid now in his 85th year of age, 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served in the Revolutionary War as herein stated. viz
That in 1778 he was draughted for a five months tour under Captain John Whitley of this County and the Company marched to the South and were engaged in the battle of Crier Creek, but that the declarant was not in said battle, that from the period of his being thus draughted under Capt Whitley, he continued to render military service under the orders of the Commanding Colonels of this County for more than twelve months in what was then called the "minute service" - that the names of the Colonels of that time were, Col. Arthur Bryan and Col. Needham Bryan - that this minute service

service was rendered to the orders of his two elder
Brothers - Asa and John Bryan who were officers
in the public service and acting in obedience
to the orders and Commands of some of the Colonels
before named - that under such orders he was
often out on scouting parties, in pursuit of Tories and
enemies to the cause of independence, who were often
concealed in different neighborhoods, - in the woods
and amongst evil disposed friends of theirs - that
in this irregular minute service, he is unable to state
the exact length of time, except generally as before
said - that he has been out as long as ten
days at a time on such - and very often a less
number of days - that during these years - he
aided at a dear rate of furnishing a man for
the twelve months service - Military orders
having been given that every fifteen men
must furnish a man for a twelve months service
or stand a draught for one of themselves -
that as one of such a Class he did thus furnish
a man jointly with the rest of the Class.

The declarant further states that in the fall
of 1780, he thinks, he was again draughted as a
Militia man under Captain Edmond Griffin - William
Roberts, Lieutenant. James Salt Ensign and himself
as Sergeant, and so marched to Wilmington and
Col. Needham Bryan of this County - that he
remained in service at Wilmington until the
news reached there of the Capture of Lord Cornwallis

Wallace

Wallace at Little York, when soon afterwards
his Company was discharged without any certi-
-ficate of service, to return to their homes. That
although he acted as sergeant in this service - he
never received a Commission as such. That Col
Young was the Officer then in Command at Wil-
-mington under Genl. Rutherford - who he thinks
was absent from there then. - That whilst at
Wilmington in said service, he had the small pox
uncommonly severe and was much of the time
confined - having nearly lost his life with it there.

The Declarant is not able at this remote period
to say distinctly - the length of time, of his last dra-
-ught under Capt Griffin, but he knows and re-
-members that he was only at Wilmington under
said draught three months - and that if they were
bound for a longer term - they were disbanded
to go home on the news of the Capture of Corn-
Wallace, and were never afterwards called
out. The declarant states further that he has not
before now made any formal application for a
pension - for the reasons that he understood - that
positive proof of service in the Army was neces-
-sary, and that he has not for years past known
of any person living by whom such could be
made, - and for the further reason that he has
not until lately stood in want of the bounties
of

of his country to her Revolutionary soldiers - but that
now, he has lived to see his little property waste
away and leave him, nearly dependent on the
charity of his friends and community

William Bryan

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and
year above written before me.

W. D. Adams J. P.

State of North Carolina, I do hereby Certify
Johnston County. That I have been
acquainted from my childhood with
William Bryan as above and that he is
of sound mind and memory and that from
bodily weakness, great age and distance
to the County town he is unable to attend
the Court of this County with convenience
I further Certify that he is a man of Great
Respectability and truth and full faith and
Credit may be given to all his Statements
Given under my hand and seal this
26th day of April 1845

W. D. Adams J. P.

State of North Carolina

Johnston County

On this the 12th day of December 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, William Bryan who having been duly sworn according to Law, doth upon his oath make the following statement supplemental to and in support of his Declaration heretofore made in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832... That the family and name of Bryan was a very numerous, widely connected and influential, in this County long before the Revolutionary war, and that they so continued during the struggle for independence sharing largely in its support by their wealth and influence and that the same name and connection has continued down distinguished nearly or quite up to this period though a great many have removed to distant parts and many have undergone a reverse of fortune. The County of Johnston was a large one embracing several of the adjacent present ones. The Bryan Family were located there in the County before and during the Revolutionary War. - One part of them lived near the middle, one family in the extreme North end now perhaps Wake County. and one in the extreme South end, and the latter was the family and location of this Declarant. His Father was named Lewis Bryan and raised ^{only} three sons of the following names and in this order of their ages viz Asa who was born in the date of 1730. - John who was born in 1753 -

and William. (this Deponent) who was born in 1760

The known destination of his Family in the time of the Revolution, and up to this day, from branches of the other families before mentioned - was "of Mill Creek"

This Deponent states, that all the three sons of his Father did service and much service in the time of the Revolution in behalf of freedom and independence - as he doubts not may appear of record - his Brother John was a man of Official distinction in this County for many years before he removed to Georgia where he died upwards of thirty years ago, and Asa, a Captain in the Revolution, died here upwards of twenty years ago - leaving this Deponent the only living issue of his late Father Lewis

This Deponent moreover states on his oath aforesaid that he is now a man of large stature and that before he was sixteen years of age he was ⁱⁿ 157th that he was early aiding in behalf of his Country - his whole Family belonging to the Whigs or Patriots

That as heretofore stated in his formal declaration aforesaid, he served in the Militia of this State in the war of the Revolution at different periods for nearly or quite twelve months as well as his recollection now serves him. His first regular service was under ^{and} Captain John Whitley, he thinks in the year 1778. drafted for five months - Some time after the organization and equipment of the Company they were ordered and marched to South Carolina - They were in the Battle at Briar Creek. Though this Deponent was not in the battle. That

that after the discharge of Capt. Whitley's company - This
Declarant was often called out by Superior Officers
whose names he does not now distinctly remember - except
that Col. Nedham Bryan was their County Commandant.
but that these services were of short though
frequent periods and that he was regularly deta-
iled on such service by proper Officers.
He has a distinct recollection of being called
out on such service, he thinks under Capt. Raiford
and marched some days down the St. Lawrence River
and encamped near Green's ferry - then occupied
by one Thomas Gray (a Lawyer) - that he thinks
this was in the year 1780. or 81. - he knows it was in
the latter part of summer - as they had to forage
their horses on the soft corn from Mr. Gray's field.
He cannot remember now, for what length he
was then called out, that he remembers he was always
ready going and hardy - that after this - he thinks
in the year 1781. he was drafted for a tour of five
months (he thinks, although not certain) under Capt.
Edmond Griffin and they were soon ordered to
Wilmington in this State, where they remained until
the news of the Capture of Cornwallis reached there
as stated in my first declaration - that on his return
home he was paid only a part of what was promised
in pay and subsistence and the bounty and pay
was subsequently allowed in Certificates and after handed
to or drawn by our Officers. Again this Declarant
has no way of ascertaining the aggregate length of time

time of his service, but thinks they must have embraced
twelve months or more and were so esteemed when
his certificates were issued.

This declarant ~~states~~ ^{who has been dead some twenty years} on his oath aforesaid - that
there was an other William Bryan, belonging to the
Family in the north end "Swift Creek" of the County - that
this declarant knew him well - they were near the
same age and that he thinks his said name & that
did a tour of service in said War - but he is con-
fident that he was neither in Capt. Phillips nor in
Capt. Griffins Company nor in any command with
this Affiant - and that - that was the only William
of Johnston County who could have rendered
military service in the War of the Revolution
besides and except this Affiant.

The declarant states that in regard to his age it is
perhaps impossible now to obtain proof of it - that there
was a family record of it - his Father being a man
learning and education, but that the Book has
either been destroyed or carried to distant parts -
so that he cannot obtain any benefit from it.

This declarant early obtained from it or his
Parents or ^{from} both, that he was born on the 3rd August
1760 - that he knows of no living person who
could corroborate this evidence, unless it be
Nancy Hobbs, now a very old woman in the
adjoining County of Cumberland, ^{but who long since was the Paynter of this Affiant} and the Widow
of my late Brother Asa Bryan (John Bryan), who
is near his own age and always lived near to him.

and who now lives, also in Cumberland County, but near to the Johnston line

This deccarant would further state that his omission to assert his rights heretofore, has been mainly from his peculiar location - thus - he lives in the extreme end of the County in what may be said to be an obscure vicinity some 18 miles from a Post Office ^{in his County}, and where there is not a News Paper taken in several miles of ^{his} reach in this County - and that since, this Affiant has lost his property, and has become unable to go about he sees, or has seen, but very few who were able to inform him ^{rightly} of the provisions of Congress made for revolutionary services - that in proof of this, he has not been to his Court ^{years}, but once in many years some six or seven years ago, and as long (since then) before then - that on one of these occasions he did apply to a Lawyer to know if there was any chance to obtain any thing from his Country - and that the Lawyer told him, - that he thought not, unless he had his Certificate of discharge or could prove his services by some other person - and that he knew of no one who could prove such

And this Affiant may truly say in addition and conclusion - that he was not anxious to thrust himself upon the charity of his Country, and to call upon her for aid and assistance so long as his circumstances were easy - but that now, and within a few years past and more recently, his means have been almost all taken from him, by debts

State of North Carolina
Shutout County

I Thomas Bagley Clerk of the County of
Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County &
State of said North Carolina do hereby certify that
John L. Adams Esq. whose name appears
to the foregoing Affidavit is now and
was at the time of executing the same
a member of our said Circuit and Court of
Pleas & Quarter Sessions & an Acting Justice
of the Peace for said County & that the signature
purporting to be his is genuine & in his
own proper hand Writing

Given under my hand &
Seal of office at Smithfield
the 17th January 1846

Thos. Bagley Jr. Clk.

William Bryner

of security ship and otherwise entirely unsuspected by
him, once in his life, and for a great period of his life
From these and the foregoing causes this declarant
is now compelled to ask the bounty provided by
his Country which he hopes and prays may not be
further withheld from one whose services in its
behalf was never questioned by any person
with whom he was acquainted

Tested and subscribed
before me with his own proper hand

John L. Adams

State of North Carolina
Shelton County

I Thomas Bagley clerk of The Court of
Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County &
State aforesaid do hereby certify that
John L Adams Esq (whose name appears
to the foregoing Affidavit is now and
was at the time of executing the same
a member of our said General Court of
Pleas & Quarter Sessions & an Acting Justice
the Peace for said County & that the signature
purporting to be his is genuine & in his
own proper hand writing

Given under my hand &
Seal of office at Smithfield
the 17th January 1846

Thos Bagley clerk

John L Adams

William Bagley

January 5, 1939.

Mr. J. D. Tillman, Jr.
1924 -34 Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi.

BA-J/ILL
William Bryan
S. 6699

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of William Bryan, pension claim, S. 6699.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in that claim for pension, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of William Bryan.

William Bryan, son of Lewis Bryan, was born August 3, 1760; the name of his mother is not shown. This branch of the Bryan family lived in the extreme southern part of Johnston County, North Carolina, on Mill Creek. William's brother, Asa Bryan, was born in 1750 and his brother, John Bryan, was born in 1753. All three served in the Revolutionary War from North Carolina.

While a resident of Mill Creek, North Carolina, William Bryan enlisted in 1778 and served five months as private in Captain John Whitley's North Carolina company; following this service, he was called out at different times on short tours until about 1781 under Captains Raiford, Asa Bryan (his brother), John Bryan (his brother) whose rank was not stated, Colonels Arthur and Needham Bryan in the North Carolina troops. No relationship between these other officers with the surname Bryan and the family of this William Bryan was stated. William Bryan enlisted again in 1781, served as sergeant in Captain Almond Griffin's company, Colonel Needham Bryan's North Carolina regiment, stationed at Wilmington, North Carolina, this service between three and five months, and was discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis.

William Bryan applied April 26, 1845, for pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War; he resided then a few miles from

his birthplace in Johnston County, North Carolina. The claim was allowed. The soldier died February 11, 1846.

The name of the wife of William Bryan and the date and place of his marriage are not shown. She did not survive him. The names of the children who survived this soldier were given as follow-Asa H. Bryan, Janet Bryan, Joseph Bryan, Eliza Bryan, Alice Bryan and Joanna (Johannah) Thornton.

In 1845, William Bryan's brothers, Asa and John, were both deceased; Ann, Asa's widow was living in 1845 in Cumberland County, near the Johnston County line. John Bryan had died in Georgia about thirty years previously.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator.

State of North Carolina
Johnston County.

I Thomas Bagley Clerk of the Court
of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for the County aforesaid
do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been ex-
hibited at the Office of said Court to prove that
William Bryan of Johnston County a Soldier of the
Revolutionary War died on the 18th day of February 1846
leaving no widow, but leaving the following named
Children to-wit Asa B. Bryan Janet Bryan Phineas Thornton
Joseph Bryan Eliza Bryan & Alice Bryan who are the only living
Children of said William Bryan deceased now
known in these parts

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at Office
in Smithfield on the 29th day of March 1847.

Thomas Bagley Clerk
By W. B. Lee Supt. Clerk

Wm. W. W. W.

Lapham &

Deane &

Proof -

R. H. Jackson

Raleigh Aug- 28. 65

Sir - I enclose the declaration & support
in the case of William Bryan & the
certificate of the Comptroller - which
would be the proof for 12. months
of the title & claim -

In the case of the widow of
Capt. Ara Bryan - the allowance
was only for six months -
since that I have been furnished
with a further certificate of
the Comptroller - which should
increase the allowance
75 or 80% more in amount -

These Bryan's are among respect-
able men & until recently
have been men of property -
their ruin being brought about
as I understand by some of the

J. L. Edwards & Co.

Care

Respectfully
R. M. Jones

Sir

Washington City Oct 12th 1866.

We have the honor to enclose additional testimony in the case of William Bryan or Bryant of North Carolina - a Soldier of the Unfortunate War. It is a Certificate of the Comptroller of the State of North Carolina as to the amount paid to Capt Edmund Griffin, under whom in fact, Bryan served.

We ask your early attention to this case.

Most respectfully
Yours ob^{ly} S^{rs}

J. L. & A. H. Smith

J. L. Edwards Esq
Com. Pensioner.

Sir,

Washington Dc
22 Dec 1846

Herewith you will receive additional evidence in the case of William Bryan under the act of 7 June 1832. from N Carolina. Lepe Adams is an important witness in this case, and the certificate of the Secretary of State is offered to show that he was a representative in the last legislature.

Very respt,

J. M. Smith
J. L. & A. M. Smith

Col L. L. Edwards.

Genl of Pension.

State of North Carolina

Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State
of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that Jesse Adams
of Johnston County, was one of the representatives
from said County in the last legislature of this
State.

Given under my hand
this 21st October 1846.

W. Hill Secretary
of State

North Carolina

Cumberland County

I John McLaurin Clerk of the
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
of said County do hereby certify that James Hodges Esq
whose name in his proper hand writing appears to the
foregoing affidavit of Anna Hobby ^{his own Certificate} was at that date
an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said
County duly commissioned and sworn and that
full credit is due to his official acts.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal
of said Court at office this 10th day
of January 1846

J McLaurin

Raleigh N.C.
Comptroller's office
I William Y. Collins, Comptroller of Public
Accounts in and for the State of North
Carolina do hereby Certify that Capt
Edmond Griffin of Johnston County
was allowed by the Auditors of Revenue
District Four Hundred and Seventy
Two Pounds Ten Shillings (£472.10) being
Pay Roll of 44 Men officers inclusive, for
Service in February 1782 as will
be seen on the 3rd of Bound Book
page 146. (Book titled Comptroller's Office
Kingston) given under my hand and
Seal this 9th March 1846.

Wm. Y. Collins Compt

Sir

Washington. Apr. 3^d. 1847.

We have the honor to enclose a
Certificate of the Court of Johnston County N.C.
in the case of the heirs of William Bryan, a pen-
sioner.

Most respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.

J. L. & A. M. Smith

J. L. Edwards Esq.
Com^r of Pensions.

Sir

Washington Jan^y. 30th 1847

We herewith send additional evidence in the case of Wm Bryan of N. C. whose application is under of the 7th June 1832. Mr MacBlond and Mr Saunders, whose testimony accompanies this, are members of the Legislature of the State, and we hope that the proof in the case is now made out.

We ask for your early attention to this matter.

With great respect,
Yours &c. S. S.

J. L. & A. W. Smith

J. L. Edwards Esq
Com^r Pensions.

Raleigh N.C. 5th Jan'y. 1847.

John A. Sead of Johnston County N.C. now at Raleigh, maketh
oath regarding his knowledge of the Character and Standing
of William Boyan (revolutionary) of Johnston County
My acquaintance with said William Boyan com-
menced thirty years ago - or upwards - he was then a man
of sixty years or more. From 1820 to 1824 I was annually
a member of the Legislature and in one or two of those
years, I think, the said William Boyan was also a
candidate with me and others. In canvassing the County
he was known and called by ^{his} usual distinction
"Revolutionary" and he seldom if ever, failed to address
himself as such to the people as an old soldier - with
a rehearsal of his sufferings - and hardships endured
in the revolutionary war - I never heard it then or
since questioned or doubted, but that he did
good service in that war - such ^{was} the reputation
of his whole family - of whom there were
several Brothers. At the time here spoken
of he was a man of some substance and
of undoubted truth - since then his whole property
has perished away

John A. Sead

I swore to and subscribed before
me this the 5th day of January 1847

Wm. Salter Haywood J.P.

State of North Carolina
Wake County

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted and have been for many years with Col John McCloud who has made the foregoing statement and that he is a gentleman of the highest respectability for truth and integrity and full faith and credit may be given to his statements of every thing given under my hand and seal this the 3rd day of January, 1847-

Wm Dallas Haywood J. P. Seal

State of North Carolina
Wake County I Jas J Marriott
Clerk of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the county of Wake do certify that Wm Dallas Haywood whose name appears to the foregoing is an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said county & that the signatures purporting to be his are genuine

In Testimony whereof I hereunto
affix the seal of said court & subscribe
my name at office in Raleigh the
16th day of Jan'y AD 1847

Jas J Marriott Clk
By W. H. Wright Sec

State of North Carolina

Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State, do hereby certify, that
John all Lead Esq. whose deposition appears on the
first page of this sheet of paper, was a representative
in the Legislature of this State from the County of
Johnston, as by him stated in his said Deposition

Given under my hand
this 23rd day of January 1847

W. Hill Secretary
of State

State of North Carolina

House Commons

January 2nd 1867.

I Ashley Saunders do hereby Certify that my acquaintance with William Bryan who has applied for a pension as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, commenced at an early period of my life, In the year 1825 or ~~ear~~ nearly as I can remember he was a candidate in the County of Johnston for a seat in the Legislature and during the electioneering campaign before the people, I heard him make several public speeches, and he invariably referred to his Revolutionary services as entitling him to the suffrages of his fellow citizens, No one at that time or subsequently ever doubted these services, as his character before and since was above reproach, and the public sentiment in his favour was always increased by the recollection of the important services believed to have been rendered by him during the Revolutionary war.

I do further certify that the public esteem in which the character of Mr. Bryan was always held, has never to my certain knowledge been forfeited or diminished.

The fact of his not applying until recently for the bounty due him from his country, should not argue ~~against~~ the validity of his claims, as it is a well known fact by many of his country men, and to which I can bear

testimony, that his circumstances from being tolerable good,
were some years since materially impaired if not wholly
ruined by debts coming on him by being security &c.

And although I have never seen his declaration or state-
ment of his services in the War of the Revolution, yet for
his general good character for truth and veracity, I am
well convinced that no false statements has been made
by him, Given under my hand and seal

A. Sanders

State of North Carolina

Office of Secretary of State.

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State
of North Carolina, do hereby certify that Ashley San-
ders Esq. whose signature appears above, is a mem-
ber of the Legislature of this State from the County
of Johnston

Given under my hand this 23rd
day of January 1847

W. Hill Secretary
of State

Faligh N.C.

Comptroller Office

I William H. Collins Comptroller of Public Accts
in and for the State of North Carolina do
hereby Certify that the Name of William
Bryan appears of record in my office
as having had issued the following
Special Certificates in his favor (viz) One
for Twenty Pounds five Shillings (£20.5) see
Book No 23 page 49 which Certificate was
paid into this office by the Sheriff of
Johnston County, Another Certificate
issued in his favor for Ten Pounds
see Book No 24 page 32 and one other
Certificate for Eleven Pounds fourteen
Shillings (£11.14) see Book No 3 page 5
given under my hand and seal
this 2 day of June A.D. 1845

Wm H Collins Compt

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Payment to be made
at Haymerville
by John Harkne,
Agent for paying pension-
ers, in the Agency of
M. C.

Recorded in the Pension
Office, in Book E Vol-
ume 6, Page 47 by J. R. L. Clerk.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Revolutionary Claims.

I certify that, in conformity with the law of the United States, of the 7th June, 1832, William Bryan, deceased, late of North Carolina, who was a Private in the Revolution, is entitled to receive twenty six dollars and sixty six cents per Annum, Commencing on the 1st March, 1831, and terminating on the 11th February, 1846, the day on which he died. The amount is due and payable to Asa W. Bryan, Janet Bryan, Joseph Bryan, Eliza Bryan, and Alice Bryan, and Joanna Thornton only surviving Children.

Given at the War Office of the United States,
this 26th day of Apr
one thousand eight hundred and forty-Seven.

Secretary of War.

Examined and
Countersigned. }

Commissioner of Pensions.

78. Capt. Whitley drafted -

~~80~~ 81. " Kainford

81. Griffen drafted

S. C. battle of Briar creek 5th

Newse River

Wilmington 3/100 5-

37093.

Wm. Bryan
M. H.

Del to Wm P. M. Sanders

Sept 29. 1845

same May 11 1846.

to J. L. & A. J. Smith Oct. 24. 46

same 31. Nov. 5. 1846.

same July 22/47.

State of North Carolina
Cumberland County

This day the 15th day of Decemr.
1845. personally appeared before me an acting Justice
of the Peace in and for said County Anna Hobbs
who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth
and saith that she is now in her ninety seventh, or
eighty year - that she was born in the date of 1748
in the County of Johnston and State aforesaid and
in the Southern end of said County - that she was
married to her husband Ruben Hobbs in the date
of 1770 and then lived a neighbor to Lewis Bryan
of Mill Creek in the County of Johnston aforesaid,
- that she well knew all the family of the said
Lewis Bryan, who had and raised three
sons named Asa, the oldest son, and who
was near the same age of this deponent. - the next
son was named John, who was high Sheriff of
said County and Surveyor - the next was
William who is now living within two or three
miles of where he was born - and not more
than five miles from where I now live though
in different Counties - This deponent further saith
that the aforesaid William Bryan is ten or twelve
year younger than she is herself - and that she has no
doubt, but that said William, is the only living child
of his said Parents - This deponent further saith that
she well remembers that the aforesaid sons of
Lewis

Lewis Bryan were all out in service in the Revolution
any war - that this, she only knows from being a neigh-
bor to them, and knowing, therefore, that they were
off months at a time under Officers in the service.

The Deponent further saith that she has a distinct
recollection when William Bryan (heretofore
described) returned home from service at
Wilmington, and that he was badly marked with
small pox, which he had while then absent
under Captain Griffin, who ^{Capt. Griffin} though she never
saw, (that she remembers) still she remembers him
well, by name and service. She further saith
that there can be no doubt but the said Wil-
liam Bryan of Mill Creek, who is now, as
she understands applying for a pension - is the
identical William who did service as afore-
said in the revolutionary war.

Subscribed before
me James Hodge Jp Anna ^{her} X Hodge
mark

Verily that I live within three miles of Anna Hodge
who deposes as above before me - that I have not a doubt
of her being so at the facts and I know her well
to have astonishing mind and memory - for both seen to
be as good as they ever were I have no doubt of the
truth of the foregoing Deposition
Given under my hand date above James Hodge Jp

37093

Wm Bryan
dec'd
N. C.

Act. 7 June '32

Wm Bryan

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8 mo pri

\$ 26⁶⁶ To 11 Feb

1846 when he died -

To Asa H. Janet -
Joseph - Eliza - Valie
Bryan & Joanna
Thornton only children

J. C. & A. S. Smith
Present

State of North Carolina } I Peter Lee am now in
 Johnston County } being 74th year of age and
 certify that I was raised in the same
 neighborhood with William Bryan that
 I have known him all ways and believe
 that he was a Soldier in The Revolutionary War
 and that he has been so reputed and believed
 since that period
 Sworn and subscribed to the 29th day of April
 1845 before me. Peter Lee
 Wm D Adams Off

State of North Carolina } I Jeph Adams
 Johnston County } (a minister of the Gospel)
 Residing now and was born and raised in this
 neighborhood where William Bryan has lived
 from my earliest recollection that I am
 myself in my 60th year of age that I have
 always been well acquainted with him and
 believe him to be as old as he states in the above
 declaration (viz) Eighty four years of age
 that he has always been reputed and believed in
 his neighborhood to have rendered service
 in The Revolution
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this the
 2nd day of May AD 1845
 Wm D Adams Off Jeph Adams

State of North Carolina } I do hereby certify
Johnston County. } that Peter Adams who
has signed the foregoing certificate is a minister
of the Gospel residing in the County of Johnston
and the neighborhood of William Bryan whom
name is to the foregoing declaration that said
Adams has been for many years as well as the
last a Representative in the State Legislature
from this County and that he is a worthy
credible man and that his statements are
entitled to all credit. and I also certify that
Peter Lee is a resident of the County of
Sampson but within less than a mile of
the Johnston line and in the immediate
neighborhood of William Bryan as aforesaid
and that he is also a worthy and credible
man and that his statements are entitled
to all credit given under my hand and
here This 2nd day of May A.D. 1845

M. L. Adams J. P.

Johnston

State of North Carolina
Johnston County 3

I Thomas Bagley Clerk of the Court of Pleas &
Quarter Sessions for said County do hereby certify
that John L Adams whose name appears to the
foregoing Affidavits & Certificate is an Acting
Justice of the Peace in & for said County and a
member of our Special Court for said and that
the Signature purporting to be his is genuine
Given under my hand and
Seal office June 4th of June 1845
Thos. Bagley Clerk

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Pharr - SLL.

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Washington - D.C.

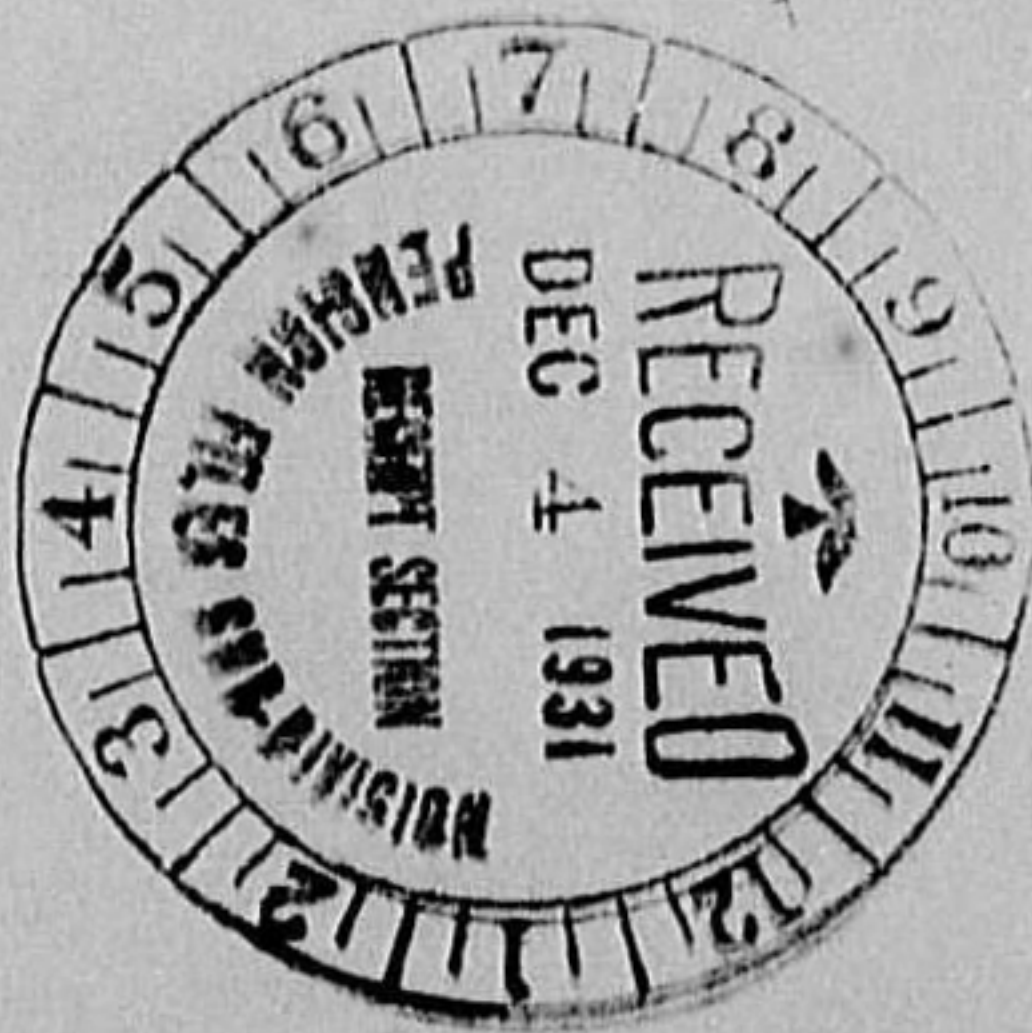
Dear Sir -

I am asking the Revolutionary war record of one, William Bryan. He is described as being of Johnston County North Carolina, and his wife was Elizabeth Smith. Do the pension records include his name?

Any information you might give me, will be deeply appreciated -

Cordially,

Mrs. John N. Pharr -





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Veterans Administration,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

My great grandfather William Bryan lived in Johnston County, North Carolina and I understand you have on file pension application and papers covering pension #S-6699 of William Bryan. Will appreciate very much if you will send me transcript of the record.

Yours respectfully,

J. D. Tillman, Jr.,
1924 - 34 Ave.,
Meridian, Miss.

JDT:M

January 20, 1932.

Mrs. John W. Pharr

BA-J/ILL

Weeks, Louisiana.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter relative to William Bryan, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S. 6699, based upon the service of William Bryan and is the record of the only soldier of that name of Johnston County, North Carolina, found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.

William Bryan was born August 3, 1760 and was the son of Lewis Bryan who lived in the southern extremity of Johnston County, North Carolina, on Mill Creek.

While living at that place, William Bryan enlisted in 1778 and served five months as private in Captain John Whitley's North Carolina Company. From the expiration of this service until sometime in 1780 or 1781, he belonged to the "minute service", serving on short tours of ten days or less, whenever called upon, exact length of service not given, and was with the North Carolina troops under Captains Baiford, and ~~John~~ ^{John} Bryan (soldier's brother), and John Bryan (soldier's brother), who served as an officer, rank not given, and Colonel Needham Bryan (no relationship to soldier stated). He next enlisted in 1781 as sergeant in Captain Edmund Griffin's Company, in ~~Colonel~~ ^{Colonel} Needham Bryan's North Carolina Regiment, and was discharged soon after the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown, having served at least three months.

He applied for pension April 26, 1845, while a resident of Johnston County, North Carolina. The claim was allowed.

In December, 1845, it was stated that William Bryan of Mill Creek was living within two or three miles of his birthplace.

He died February 11, 1846 and was survived by the following children: Asa M. Bryan, Janet Bryan, Joseph Bryan, Eliza Bryan, Alice

Bryan and Joanna or Johannah Thornton.

The name of soldier's wife was not given and she did not survive him.

The soldier stated in 1845 that his father reared only three sons; Asa who was born in 1750 and died in Johnston County, North Carolina "upwards of twenty years ago", leaving a widow, Ann Bryan who then lived in Cumberland County, North Carolina; John who was born in 1753 and died in Georgia "upwards of thirty years ago"; and himself, William Bryan.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,
Assistant to Administrator.

In 1845, the soldier referred to two other Bryan families living in Johnston Co. N.C. - one living in middle part of Co. + the other in extreme north. He stated that another William Bryan, who served during Rev., belonged to family in northern part + was deceased.