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North Carolina

William Bryan

of Bladen Co. in the State of N. Carolina
who was a private in the Company commanded
by Captain Anderson of the Regt: commanded
by Lt Brown in the N. C. militia
time for 9 months '76

Inscribed on the Rolls of North Carolina
at the rate of 30 Dollars 00 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 27th day of July
1833 and sent to
Hon. J. J. W. Hay St. of Rep^y
Arrears to 1st of March 1833: \$ 100.00
Semi-annual allowance ending 1st Sept. 1833 15.00

\$ 75.00

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by W. L. Williams Clerk
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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.
Bladen County }

On this the 4th day of February 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Worshipful W. H. Beatty, Esq. King, and John J. C. Millan Justices of the Peace for the County of Bladen holding the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting - William Bryan, a resident of Bladen County, and State of North Carolina, aged seventy six Years, May 14th 1833, 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 entered the service of the United States, under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

1. in the Year 1776 as well as he recollects, but the time of the Year not recollected except that it was in mild & pleasant weather. He volunteered as a Private in a Company of Bladen Militia under the Command of Capt. W. Henderson (the names of the other Officers not recollected). The Company marched from their Company ground at Richard Smith's plantation on Pades Creek to a branch a short distance above where Miller's Meeting House now stands, and encamped there two or three days - marched thence to Rockfish Creek, where they joined other companies of Militia from Bladen, and from ~~Bladen~~ ^{from} into service against the Tories, who were in considerable ^{from} at Cross-Creek (now Fayetteville) under the Command of the famous General or Col. M. Donald. Apprehending an attack, Genl. Moore, who was said to be a Continental Officer, directed intrenchments to be thrown up, on the north side of the Creek, and below the main road. Capt. Henderson's Company was stationed at the mouth of Rockfish, about a mile below, he intrenched Camp, to guard the pass at that place. The Tories marched down, and made a show of attack, but having ascertained the American force, and the strength of their position, they refused - crossed the Cape Fear at Campbellton, and proceeded toward Wilmington, and were shortly afterwards defeated at Moore's Reel Bridge, by the Troops under General Caswell. On ascertaining that the enemy had left Fayetteville, Capt. Henderson's Company was ordered to descend the Cape Fear in a boat, to the neighbourhood of Cleyabelltown, where they remained several days - thence marched to Wilmington, to protect it from the Tories, who were supposed to be making for that place - remained there about a fortnight - marched thence to Kemper's Run about a mile below, and afterwards at a place called Caswell's Camp, between that place and Wilmington remained there some time, and thence were moved over the Cape Fear, and stationed at a large Millpond, back of Old Brunswick Town, and at that place completed their term of

service, which was for three months, and was discharged. He has no distinct recollection, whether he received a written discharge or not, but believes, he did, as it was the practice to grant discharges for that and shorter periods of service. He further believes that he received several other discharges, but owing to the state of the Country, families were obliged to make frequent removals, and he is of opinion, that he lost all his discharges, except the one now with him, upon the close of the War. There was a considerable force collected at Rockport, but owing to the circumstance of the Company, in what he served being immediately detached from the main body, he has no distinct recollections of the names of the any of the officers, and whether there were one or more Regiments in service.

2. In the fall of the Year 1777 (as well as he recollects) he volunteered as a Private in a Company of Bladen Militia under the command of Capt Charles Bullock, and Lieut W^m Dye, who were ordered into service by Col. Thomas Brown, commanding the Bladen Militia. The Company formed from different parts of Bladen, these including the Counties of Robeson, and Columbus, rendezvoused at Fair Bluff, on the eastern Coast on Sucker River, to proceed on an expedition against the Indians, who had embodied on or near the line. marched from Fair Bluff to Swanton, in the North Carolina. where they were relieved by another Company of Bladen Militia, under the command of Capt. William Ellis, accompanied by Col. Jas. Richardson, one of the Field Officers of the Bladen Regiment. While at Swanton, Capt. Bullock's Company had a skirmish with a body of Indians, who, however, after firing two or three rounds precipitately retreated, and never made head again, while the Company remained. He is under the impression that Capt or Major Robert Raiford, who was called a Continental officer, was with the Company. He received a written discharge, as well as he can recollect, from Capt. Bullock or Col. Brown, and if he did, it has been lost, as he supposes, as already stated. On this expedition, he was in service, one month.

3. About the 1st November 1781. He volunteered as a Private in a Company of Bladen Cavalry, under the command of Capt. (now General) John Willis. (As well as he recollects he joined the Company at Elizabethtown, from which place the Company marched to the Carolina line, in the upper part of Bladen now Robeson County, where they were employed (as he understood) in collecting beef Cattle for General Greene's Army; collected a number at different points, and towards the close of their term of service, drove a considerable number to Beaufort, about a mile below Elizabethtown, and about that time received intelligence of the evacuation of Charleston. Having served three months, the time for which he engaged, he received a written discharge, from Capt. Willis, as will appear

from the Original dated 4th Febr. 1782 herewith sent. There
were no other Troops in service, in the expedition above
detached.

He served two or three months longer, in various stations
of duty, but has no recollection of time or circumstances, so
as to particularize them. He has no documentary evidences,
except the discharge herewith sent, and no living witnesses of
his services except, ~~one~~ whose testimony he can procure, except
Jonah Sengletary, whose affidavit is herewith annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or
annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not
on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed

the day and Year aforesaid

William Bryan
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Answers to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Depart-
ment, as propounded to the Applicant by the Court.

1. On the Brown Marsh in the County of Bladen, May 14th 1787.
2. I have a record of my age in my Father's Family Bible, now belonging to me.
3. In the County of Bladen, and have lived there ever since.
4. I was a Volunteer in every instance.
5. For answer, I beg leave to refer to my declaration.
6. For answer, I beg leave also to refer to my declaration.
7. ~~Gov. John Trenchard, Robert Lyon Esq. and Richard M. Lewis Senr.~~
" Wm J. Cowan, Thomas Sengletary, and others if necessary to
name them.

Wm Richard M Lewis & a n d Robert Lyon

hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with William Bryan
who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we
believe him to be seventy six 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 we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed
the day and Year aforesaid

Teste Mr Lewis Senr
Robert Lyon

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 certify, that it appears to them that ~~Wm~~ Richard M Lewis & Robert Lyon
who have signed the preceding Certificate are residents of the County of Bladen
and are credible persons, and that their statement established to credit; and
that the applicant could not procure the attendance of a Clergyman, without
too much inconvenience; and that ~~some~~ ^{Wm} Sengletary, whose affidavit
is herewith annexed, was sworn in open Court & is a credible person

Wm R. Beatty, Clerk Alexander King Esq. Richard M. Lewis Esq.

BRIEF in the case of *William Bryan*
of Bladen County in the State of *North Carolina*
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *upon Oath*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *Seventy five years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

| Period. | Duration of Service. | | | Rank. | Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served. |
|-----------------------|---|---------|-------|-------|---|
| | Years. | Months. | Days. | As a | Gen. |
| <i>Bladen</i> In 1776 | | 3 | | | <i>Capl Wm Haddon</i> |
| 1777 fall | | 1 | | | <i>Capl Bullcock, Col Hooper</i> |
| 1781 Nov 1 | | 3 | | | <i>Capl Dills,</i> |
| | <i>(4 less or three months more but cannot time or circumstances)</i> | | | | |

5. In what battles was he engaged? *none stated*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Bladen County.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *two persons certify to his military services, local regulations, being 12th of Nov 1832 - also a discharge*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

J. Smith Examining Clerk.