

War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895

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Nashville Tennessee

**HEZEKIAH [BRIAN] BRYAN** Marshall in the state of Tennessee who was a private in the company commanded by Captain **DIXON** of the regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_\_\_\_ and the 10th North Carolina regiment line for 1 year.

Inscribed in the role of Nashville at the rate of \$40.00 per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of pension issued the 16th day of February 1850 and amount to honorable **G. W. JONES**, House of Representatives

Arrears to the 4th day of \_\_\_\_\_ semi annual allowance ending \_\_\_\_\_

Revolutionary claim

Act June 7th, 1832

Recorded by **J. B. CHASE**, Clerk  
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Letter to J. M. SMITH,  
April 27, 1850

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Declaration of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress 7th of June 1832, making a provision for Revolutionary soldiers.

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County

Be it known that on the 11th day of August A. D. 1849 before me **GEORGE R. MAY**, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace of said County, personally appeared **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** of said County aged about 90 years who having been first duly sworn according to law, . On his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of US Congress passed 7th June 1832, viz.

That he was born in South Carolina, district not now remembered, about the year 1759 or 1760 according to the tradition of his family. He was resident in Wake County, North Carolina, during the Revolutionary War and served as a private Soldier as follows, viz:

As a private any company commanded by Captain \_\_\_\_\_ under the command of Colonel **COULSTON** in the North Carolina troops raised soon after GATES was defeated at Camden.

That he went as a substitute for **ASA THOMAS** who had been drafted.

That he was received into the service on Deep River which river the Corps into which he belonged, and which he was commanded by Colonel **COULSTON**, remained for six months.

That during this he was frequently engaged in scouting parties in pursuit of Tories who were in the neighborhood of the American soldiers and when his tour of duty had expired he received a discharge in writing from his commanding officer for a tour of duty of not less than 6 months, but this declarant is unable to state the precise period of that service having, on his return, given by is discharged to **ASA THOMAS** in whose place he served, and not having left any memorandum or record of dates he cannot State at more particularly then he has done above, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove it more particularly.

He further declares that he served another tour of duty as a 12 months now in the War of the Revolution in a company raised in Wake County, in a company commanded by Captain **DIXON**, and one Lieutenant **DICKSON** in a regiment which was commanded by Colonel **DIXON**, or **DICKSON**, and under the general command of General **GREENE** and entered the service as a private of said company at Granville Courthouse, North Carolina, about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June A. D. 1781, and marched with his company through Hillsborough, Guilford and Rowan counties remaining a few days at various points on the march but finally going to the hills of Santee through Camden and South Carolina, where he remained about 2 months.

Then he marched to a place called Fort Thompson and was afterwards with the American Army which in pursuit of the British before the Battle of Eutaw, and was in the American Army under **GREENE** at the time of that battle, but was not immediately engaged in the battle, being with the rear-guard under the command of his proper company and regimental officers.

He was marched with his company back to the Hills of Santee where he remained for sometime. He then recrossed the Santee River passed the Edisto River to a place called the Round-O and then to a place called Pon Pon, and soon afterwards marched

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to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River, above Charleston, where his company remained a month or two and then marched back to Camden, thence to Charlotte in North Carolina, and through Salisbury and then to Guilford courthouse, and is a period of 12 months service having expired he received a written discharge from his commanding officer, who at that time was Lieutenant **BELL**, or **DIXON**, and had been since the Battle of Eutaw, as near as this declarant can remember, having served not less than 12 months, being discharged about the month of June after the battle of Eutaw. But this discharge has long since perhaps sixty years ago then lost or mislaid so that no memorandum or record of any kind now remains to show the exact dates of the entrance of declarant into service nor the exact. Of his discharge leaving this declarant to depend wholly upon his memory, but this declarant is certain and he so declares that he served in all not less than 18 months in both tours of duty and perhaps some months longer than the period for which he was engaged. In the 12-month tour he was a substitute in place of **FRANK JONES**.

This declarant further states that he knows of no person now living by home he can prove his service and that he does not know of any documentary evidence or records by which you could prove the same.

He further declares that he has never received any pension or bounty-land either from the United States or any state of is of this Union for set Revolutionary service and he hereby relinquishes all claims which he may have to any such accept the present claim.

**HEZEKIAH BRYAN** {seal, his mark}

Test

**M. MAY** Esquire

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year above written

**G. R. MAY**, JP

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Interrogatories propounded by the justices of the peace according to form required by the department of the Interior formerly formerly the War department.

**QUESTION 1:**

Where and in what year were you born?

**ANSWER:**

I was born in the state (or in The province, rather) of South Carolina, but I do not remember the name of the district, the year was about 1759 or 1760.

**QUESTION 2:**

Have you any record of age and where is it?

**ANSWER:**

I had a record and an old Bible, many years ago, but that Bible I gave to a daughter now living in Perry County, state of Tennessee and I do not know whether she still has it or not. I have no record in my possession.

**QUESTION 3:**

Where were you living when called into the service and where have you lived since the War of the Revolution and where do you now live?

**ANSWER:**

During the Revolutionary War I lived in Wake County, state of North Carolina, 18 miles from Raleigh, with one H. L. Dreg. [ETHELDRED] JONES, a blacksmith with home I was learning the blacksmith trade.

After the Revolution I lived in Mecklenburg County, state of North Carolina, about 25 miles from Charlotte where I am married **MARY POWELL**, about the year 1786, at the house of **JOHN FURR**, by the Rev. Mr. **NEUSMAN**, a Baptist clergyman, after publication of banns, according to law, at Haynes Meeting house, with whom I lived until the present time.

We "raised" eight children in North Carolina and then moved, about the year 1810, to the Indiana Territory when General **HARRISON** Governor, where we remained, until about the year 1816 or 1817, when we removed to Rutherford County, in the state of Tennessee, and lived several years, and about the year 1823 or 1824, we moved to Bedford County, of said state, where we have lived until the present time, but now in Marshall County, a new County, since made out of Bedford and other counties.

With the exception of the years 1847 and 1848, during which we lived with a son in Hickman County of this state, but have lived since December 1848 in our old neighborhood in Marshall County, formerly Bedford.

But I am too feeble in health, being with difficulty able to walk across the house, to undergo the fatigue of a journey to the courthouse of Marshall County.

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QUESTION 4:

Please state how you entered the service, whether as a drafted man, or volunteer, or substitute, mounted or afoot?

ANSWER:

I was a substitute. In one tour, as I have already stated, I was a substitute for **ASA THOMAS** and in the other or 12 months tour I was a substitute for **FRANK JONES**. I was always an infantry or foot soldier, and went as a substitute for drafted men.

QUESTION 5:

State the names of some of the regulars as well as the volunteers and militia military militia officers with whom you were acquainted while in the service as a soldier.

ANSWER:

Of the North Carolina Troops, Militia and state line, I knew Colonels **DIXON** and **COULSTON**, Colonel **LITTLE**, Major **MCCREE**, Captain **SHARP** and **HALL**, Lieutenant **BELL**, **DICKSON**, and **SNEAD**, with whom and under whom I served as a soldier.

Of the regular or Continental Army I served under and knew General **GREENE**. I also knew Colonel **LEE**, **WASHINGTON**, besides a host of others.

I also saw many South Carolina officers, amongst whom were, General **MARION** and **SUMTER** and Colonel **MALMÉDY**, or some such name, a Frenchman.

I believe I stated the particulars on entering my service, as near as I can distinctly remember the same, in my declaration.

QUESTION 6:

Did you receive a written discharge?

ANSWER:

I have already stated in my declaration as fully as I can remember

QUESTION 7:

Please State the names of such persons as have known you, your neighbors and who can testify to your character as a man of veracity and belief that you did serve in the War of the Revolution as above described in this declaration?

ANSWER:

I think that **JAMES ARLINGTON** and **ANDREW SMITH** have known me many years that they could testify, if called upon to do so. The Rev. **JOHN "PUSHAM or RUSHAM"**, a Baptist Minister, and Rev. **JOSHUA K. SPEAR**, of the Christian Society, have known me many years and I had been, originally, a member of the Baptist Church and now of the Christian Society (commonly called Campbellites). Others can be named, if necessary, and I doubt not the magistrate of the neighborhood could testify to the same, **GEORGE R. MAY**, Esquire.

**HEZEKIAH BRYAN** {seal, his mark}

Test

**M A. HAYNES**

**War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895**

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

There are five interlineations above in blue in in to made before signing.

**G. R. MAY**

Justice of the Peace

I hereby further certify that **HEZEKIAH BRYAN**, who has been sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration and answers to interrogatories, is an aged citizen of Marshall County state of Tennessee, about 90 years of age, and is known and respected in his neighborhood to be a man of truth and veracity and is generally esteemed and respected among his neighbors to have been a soldier in the Revolution and that I concur with that opinion.

Owing to age, infirmity of body and feeble health said **BRYAN** is immobile, with great danger to his life to travel from his residence to the courthouse of this County at Lewisburg a distance of about 17 miles.

**GEORGE R. MAY**

Justice of the Peace

Marshall County Tennessee

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State of Tennessee  
Marshall County

We had known that on the 11th day of August A. D. 1849 personally appeared before me, **GEORGE R. MAY**, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and state, duly qualified to administer oaths, **JAMES BILLINGTON** and **ANDREW SMITH**, citizens of Marshall County, aforesaid, who are persons worthy of credit and men of veracity and standing among their neighbors who having been duly sworn according to law touching the matter of the application of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** for a pension under the act of the 7th of June 1832 declare and say as follows viz:

That they have known the said applicant for several years and that he has lived most of the time 4 near 25 years in Bedford and Marshall County, Marshall being part of Old Bedford, and that they believed him to be a man of more than 90 years of age and that he has been known and reputed among his neighbors to be a man of truth and veracity and that he has been generally reputed to have been a soldier of the Revolution and the above-named witnesses concur in that opinion, and consider all his statements made in the foregoing declaration, in relation to his Revolutionary services, to be correct and true, as far as remembered by said **BRYAN**.

They further declare that they have no interest whatsoever in the application of set **BRYAN** for pension.

**JAMES BILLINGTON** {seal}  
**ANDREW SMITH** {seal}

Subscribed, sworn to before me the day in your above written

**G. R. MAY**  
Justice of the Peace

**War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895**

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County  
August 12th 1849

Be it known that I have lived several years neighbor to **HEZEKIAH BRIANT**. I have been acquainted with the said **BRYAN** for several years and believe that he is a man of truth in that he has that reputation amongst his neighbors and that he was a soldier of the Revolution and is surely believed to be such among his neighbors.

He is not less than 90 years of age and I believe all his statements, above made, to be entitled to full faith and credit.

And I am a Justice of the Peace in set District in the county of Marshall

**L. W. HOGG** {seal}  
JP for Marshall County

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State of Tennessee  
Marshall County

I **JOHN ELLIOTT** Clerk of the county court of the said County, having probate jurisdiction hereby certify that **GEORGE R. MAY** and **L. W. HOGG** whose names are signed to the foregoing attestations to the deposition of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** and **JAMES BILLINGTON** and **ANDREW SMITH** in the matter of an application of said **BRYAN** for a pension are justices of the Peace of the said County duly elected, qualified and commissioned that their commissions are dated the 13th day of March 1848 will expire on the 5th day of March 1854 and that the signatures foregoing purporting to be theirs are genuine

And testimony whereof I have set my hand and office seal of office at Lewisburg the 8th day of September 1849.

**JOHN ELLIOTT**, Clerk

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Tennessee

**MARY BRYAN**

widow of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** who served in the Revolutionary War, North Carolina, as a private.

Inscribed on the rolls at the rate of \$40 per annum to commence on the 30th day of January 1850

Certificate of pension issued the 13th day of August 1850 and sent to the honorable **GEORGE W. JONES** House of Representatives

Record it on roll of pensioners under Act February 2nd, 1848, page 253 volume 3.

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**MARY BRYAN**, widow of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** a Revolutionary Soldier

Declaration to obtain benefit of the act of Congress of the 2nd of February 1848.

**GEORGE W. JONES**

House of Representatives

August 12th 1850

**MILTON A. HAYNES**

Agent & c.

Cornersville, Giles County, Tennessee

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United States of America  
State of Tennessee  
Bedford County

On this 12th day of April 1850 personally appeared before me, **MEREDITH BLANTON** a Justice of the Peace and also a Justice of the county court of said County duly qualified and commissioned to administer Oath by law of said state, **MARY BRYAN**, a resident of said County, and state, aged about 86 years who having been first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed February 2nd 1848, entitled "An act making further provision for surviving widows and soldiers of the Revolution", viz.

That she is the widow of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN**, deceased, who is a private in the War of the Revolution in the company commanded by Captain **DIXON**, in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line and to whom a certificate of pension was granted on the 16th day of February at the rate of \$40 per annum and who died on the 30th of January 1850 in Marshall County Tennessee.

She further declares that she was married to the set **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** on the 24th day of September in the year 1785 that she was married to the said **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** at the house of **JOHN POWELL**, her father, in the county of Mecklenburg, state of North Carolina, by the Rev. Mr. **NEUSMAN**, a clergyman, and that she was not married by license but by publication of banns, which publication was made at Haynes Meeting House in said County, and that she knows of no person now living by home she can now prove her said marriage, and that she has no record in her possession or does she know of any family or church record by which she could prove said marriage.

She states that she is informed, and believes, that her late husband, in his original declaration made in 1849, stated the time and place of his marriage, and that she begs leave to refer to said declaration now as filed in the pension office Washington City. She states that she was not married to him prior to his leaving service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1800, or 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

Declarant states further that she raised 8 sons and daughters during the lifetime of her husband and that the oldest of whom, **ELIZABETH CARLETON**, is now 63 years old, and a resident of Marshall County state of Tennessee, who is the oldest person now living who has known this descendant scratch declarant and her late husband that length of time.

She states that she knows of no record evidence of any kind whatsoever why would she can prove her marriage, but she asks leave to produce any which may which she may hear after discover, should it becomes necessary.

She declares that she is still a widow, not having remarried since the light **HEZEKIAH BRYAN**'s death, which took place as before stated.

**MARY BRYAN BRYAN** {her X mark}

Signed and sworn to in our presents

**JOHN W. BRYAN**  
**MARGARET A. R. BRYAN**

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and date above written viz on the 12th day of April 1850.

**MEREDITH BLANTON, JP**

State of Tennessee  
Bedford County

I, **MEREDITH BLANTON**, Justice of the Peace of said County and state, do hereby certify that **MARY BRYAN**, widow of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN**, deceased, a Revolutionary Soldier, is to the best of my knowledge and belief about 86 years of age, and that from age and bodily infirmity she could not travel with safety to the courthouse in Shelbyville, in Bedford County, state of Tennessee.

I also certify that she is known and reputed to be a woman of veracity and that I concur in that opinion.

**MEREDITH BLANTON BLANTON, JP**

State of Tennessee  
Bedford County

I am **ANDREW VANNOY** Clerk of the county court of said County hereby certify that **MEREDITH BLANTON** Esquire is a Justice of the Peace of our said County, duly qualified to act as such and was at the day of the question mark of the foregoing certificates of attestation, and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his are genuine and entitled to full faith and credit as such.

Given under my hand and seal of said County the 17th day of April 1850.

**ANDREW VANNOY**, Clerk

By his Deputy **JOHN H. O'NEAL**

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State of Tennessee  
Marshall County

On the 29th day of July 1850 before me, **JOHN LEONARD**, a justice of the peace in in for said County, duly qualified to administer Oaths, personally appeared **ELIZABETH CARLTON** a resident of said County, aged about 63 years, who having been duly sworn deposes and says that she is the eldest child of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** and **MARY** his wife.

That according to a family register made in a Bible, by her husband, from the family record of her father, about the year 1809, which record was afterward transcribed to another Bible by **JOHN CARLTON**, about the year 1821 or 1822, and is now in her possession, and is the following words:

**ELIZABETH CARLTON**, daughter of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** and **MARY** his wife, was born August 4th day 1788.

The deponent is now nearly 64 years old.

This deponent can remember as far back as the year 1794, and can remember of hearing her father and mother talked with their parents and others about their marriage, which she has ever understood, from that time to this took place about two years before the birth of the deponent. Her mother's maiden name was **POWELL**, and her father's, the grandfather of deponent, name was **JOHN POWELL**.

They were married at the house of **JOHN POWELL**, as deponent has always understood, who lived near to Haynes Meeting House in Mecklenburg County, state of North Carolina. But this deponent speaks of this as a family tradition. This deponent knows of her own personal knowledge that her father and mother lived together as man and wife from about the year 1794 until 1850, when the said **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** departed this life in Marshall County, state of Tennessee.

During all this time, this deponent well remembers that her father and mother were reputed and believed to be husband and wife and so live together and during the last years of their union as man and wife. Both were members of the Baptist Church. This deponent never heard from any source, whatever, any intimation or charge that her father and mother were not lawfully married and they have always been treated and respected as man and wife.

They raised seven children, besides this deponent. This deponent was the eldest child.

This deponent knows that the record from which her age was taken was made by **JOHN CARLTON**, the husband of this deponent, and was taken from another taken from her father's Bible about the year 1809 by her first husband **BIRD STOKES** who is now dead. Her last husband, **JOHN CARLTON**, has not been heard from lately, except a rumor that he departed this life somewhere on the frontier of Missouri.

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The deponent is not interested in the application of her mother for a pension.  
And the words **CARLTON** and she interlined above before signing.

**ELIZABETH CARLTON** {seal}

Signed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above written

**JOHN LEONARD,**  
Justice of the Peace in and for Marshall County

**War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895**

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 it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of the state, and the Revolutionary War, that **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** a private Soldier in Captain **DIXON**'s company of the 10th regiment, entered the service on the 15th day of June 1781 for the term of 12 months, and left the service on the 16th day of June 1782.

Given under my hand this first day of September 1849

**WILLIAM HILL**, Secretary of State

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Number 37760

**HEZEKIAH BRYAN**

Letter honorable **GEORGE W. JONES** 14th December 1849

Letter honorable **GEORGE W. JONES** 14th February 1850

Act 7 June 1832

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File number 895

**MARY BRYAN**, widow

**HEZEKIAH BRYAN** private, Revolutionary War

Act February 2nd 1848

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County Court of Marshall County  
State of Tennessee

November term begun and held at the town of Lewisburg on the first Monday of November 1849, said Court being a court of record.

Be it remembered that at the November term of said Court, present, **ASA HOLLAND**, **THOMAS HARDISON**, and **JAMES A. YOWELL**, Esquires, justices of the said Court assigned to hold the please thereof, the foregoing original proceedings in the matter of the application of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN**, for a pension, as a Revolutionary Soldier, to wit:

The Declaration of said **BRYAN** made before **GEORGE R. MAY**, Esquire one of the justices of the Peace of our said County, duly qualified to administer Oaths on the day of the date thereof together with the said **MAY**'s attestations and certificate, and the depositions of **JAMES BILLINGTON** and **ANDREW SMITH** taken before the said **MAY**, with his attestations, and the certificate of **L. W. HOGG**, one of the justices of the Peace of our said County, as well as a justice of our County Court, where are produced in open court were produced in open court and the same being fully understood by the court, and it appearing to the side court that the said papers are taken and attested, in due form of law, and it also appearing to the court that **JAMES BILLINGTON**'s and **ANDREW SMITH**'s our neighbors of said **BRYAN** and that they are known and esteemed and their neighborhood as men of undoubted veracity. It is therefore certified by this court, that satisfactory evidence has been this day produced before us and open court, as well from the papers aforesaid as from the certificate of **WILLIAM HILL**, secretary of state of North Carolina, dated September 1st 1849, that the aforesaid **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** was a soldier of the Revolution in the War of independence and served one year in the company of Captain **DIXON**, as a private of the 10th regiment, North Carolina line, and also another tour as a substitute for **ASA THOMAS** in the regiment commanded by Colonel **COULSTON**, which tour was for not less than 6 months. That the said **BRYAN** is about 91 years of age and has been for many years known and reputed amongst his neighbors of our said County to be a man of Truth and porosity and also a soldier of the resolution.

This court concurs in that opinion and certifies that all of his statements in the foregoing declaration are entitled to full faith and credit, and also that said **BRYAN** is physically from infirmity to come to the courthouse of this County.

In testimony whereof we have an open court signed our names and ordered the Seal of the said Court to be affixed

**ASA HOLLAND** {seal}  
**THOMAS HARDISON** {seal}  
**JAMES A. YOWELL** {seal}

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**MARY BRYAN**, widow of Ezekiel **BRYAN**

Tennessee

Act II February 1850

Married 1785

Husband died 30th of January 1850

Administer 1 year pay \$40 per annum commencing 30th January 1850

Certificate of that County Court as to that of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN**

Nashville roll

Application for pension under active 2nd February 1848

Honorable **GEORGE W. JONES**

House of Representatives

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May term of the county court of Marshall County  
State of Tennessee, 1850

Be remembered that at the May term of the county court of said County said County being a court of record, began and Holden for the town of Lewisburg on the 6th day of May, being the first Monday thereof, 1850 in and for said County of Marshall, satisfactory evidence has have been exhibited to the said Court in open session that **HEZEKIAH BRYAN**, who was an applicant for a pension as a Revolutionary Soldier, and to whom a certificate of pension issued on the 16th day of February 1850, was a citizen and resident of said County in Marshall, state of Tennessee, and died on the 30th day of January A. D. 1850, leaving a widow named **MARY BRYAN**, and that said **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** at the time of his death, resided in said Marshall County, and that his widow, said **MARY BRYAN**, has resided since her late husband's death in the county of Bedford, state of Tennessee.

And testimony whereof I, **JOHN ELLIOTT**, Clerk of the county court of said County have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, at Lewisburg, on this 6th day of May 1850

**JOHN ELLIOTT**, Clerk of County Court

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**MARY BRYAN**, widow of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** a Revolutionary Soldier & c

Application for a pension under act 2nd February 1848

Deposition of **ELIZABETH CARLTON** as to marriage of **HEZEKIAH** and **MARY BRYAN**

**War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895**

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County

I, **JOHN ELLIOTT**, Clerk of the county court of said County, do hereby certify that **JOHN LEONARD** whose name appears to the foregoing certificate of attestation was on the day of the date thereof an acting Justice of the Peace of our said County do we qualify to act as such, and that the signature foregoing purporting to be his genuine.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said County, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1850.

**JOHN ELLIOTT** {seal}

by his Deputy  
**J. J. ELLIOTT**

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**HEZEKIAH BRYAN** Revolutionary Soldier

Colonel **DIXON** 10th North Carolina regiment

Tennessee

Application for pension under Act 7 June 1832

Admitted 1 year \$40 fourth of March 1839?

**MILTON A. HAYNES**

Attorney, Cornerville, Giles County, Tennessee

Care of

Honorable **GEORGE W. JONES** of Tennessee

House of Representatives Washington

**War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895**

House of Representatives  
February 15th, 1850

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday's date in relation to the case of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** is before me.

You will be pleased to issue a pension certificate to him for "the service of one year" which you say "may be allowed" under an act of June 7th 1832 and in close to me.

Please him? Nashville roll Place him in the Nashville roll

Respectfully

**G. W. JONES**

Colonel **J. L. EDWARDS**  
Commissioner of Pensions

War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895

Nashville Tennessee  
November 9th, 1849

**JAMES L. EDWARDS** Esquire  
Commissioner of Pensions

Sure,

Buy here within close the papers in the case of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** an applicant for the benefit of the act of the 7th of June 1832, said papers being as follows:

1. Said **BRYAN**'s declaration

With Justice has certificates, dated 11th August 1849.

2. The depositions of **JAMES BILLINGTON** and **ANDREW SMITH**, as to **BRYAN**'s age, character, Etc

3. Official characters of justice certified by County Court Clerk

4. Certificate of William Hill, Secretary of State Etc showing 12 months of service

5. The submission of said papers to the county court of Marshall County, and the approval thereof by said Court

Also the letter of W. H. Collins comptroller and Etc dated 24th October

The extreme age and helpless condition of the applicant must be my apology for asking as early an answer as may be considered with the duties of the office.

These papers of to be amended if to be amended, you will please return to me at Cornersville, Giles County, Tennessee

I am very respectfully your obedient servant

**MILTON A. HAYNES**

Care of  
Honorable **GEORGE W. JONES**  
M. C

From Tennessee

War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895

Pension office  
Nashville Tennessee  
April 19th, 1850

Sir,

I am informed by Mr. **MILTON A. HAYNES** of this state that he had obtained a pension for **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** under the Act 7 June 1832 and that said **BRYAN** died before the issuance of the certificate of the said pension, leaving a widow, and requesting me to furnish him with the proper form and instructions necessary to enable his proper representatives to draw the amount due.

The only difficult difficulty in mind is whether the fact of the pensioner having died before the pension was granted will make it necessary to use a different form from the one prescribed by the department in case of deceased pensioners generally. Be pleased to give me the desired information as early as convenient.

I am very respectfully your obedient servants servant

**J. M. SMITH**

**J. L. EDWARDS**  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington City

**War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895**

Raleigh North Carolina  
Comptroller's office  
24th of October 1849

Dear sir,

I find app on my table a letter from you dated August 15th 1849 which does not show upon its back my endorsement as having been answered.

I have examined its contents and have made a thorough examination of the records in this office for the name of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** or **BRYAN** and have not been successful in finding either.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant

**WILLIAM COLLINS?**

Your fee of \$5 has been received and placed to your credit

War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895

House of Representatives  
January 25th 1850

Sir,

I would respectfully call your particular attention to the application of **HEZEKIAH BRYAN** for a pension for services rendered in the War of the Revolution and the proof in support of same which I filed in your office about the 10th of December last.

You will find upon examination that Mr. **BRYAN** in his declaration alleges that he served one term of six months and another term of 12 months as all 18 months.

For the alleged term of six months he furnishes no sustaining proof, and consequently rests alone upon his declaration sworn to, which perhaps is real sufficient to not sufficient to establish his right to pension for that part of his service notwithstanding, the high and impeachable character of Mr. **BRYAN** for moral integrity and veracity supported and sustained is it by such men as Rev. **ANDREW SMITH** and Esquire **BILLINGTON**, the witnesses, and **GEORGE R. MAY** Esquire and also the court of Marshall County composed at the time if my memory serves me of **ASA** Holland and **JAMES A. YOWELL** and I think **JAMES V. EWING** Esquire all men of the first respectability whose statements always command Credit in the community where they are known.

In support of the 12 months term of service which he alleges to have rendered, he has not only his own high character supported as before stated, but, he furnishes from the records of North Carolina, evidence as certified to by **WILLIAM HILL** Secretary of State, that a man of his name, served in the manner and at the time specified in the Declaration of Mr **BRYAN**. When it is recollected that he made his declaration before the date of **HILL**'s certification, from his memory, coupled with his character for truth and integrity it does seem to me that the that the 12-month service is not only prima facia proved out is established beyond a reasonable doubt. Nothing further could be required but positive proof of his identity which I take it is required requiring of him an impossibility at distance day nearly 70 years since the service was rendered.

I hope when you shall give this case a personal examination in that fair and liberal spirit, which while it carefully guards the public treasury from improper imposition, renders to the claimant, under the law, full Justice, your mind will arrive at the same conclusion to which mine has, that Mr. **BRYAN** has fairly and fully made out his case and has shown beyond reasonable doubt that he is one of that "venerable band of the assertors of the rights of man" for whose especial benefit in the act of June 7th 1832 was passed.

Respectfully

**G. W. JONES**

Colonel **J. L. EDWARDS**  
Commissioner of Pensions

War, Rev, Pension, HEZEKIAH BRYAN, W895

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