

## Newspaper Obit, NC, Wilkes, John Bryan 1842

Obituary **JOHN BRYAN** Esq. Departed 31, January; 1842 at the age of 89 Born 1753

The tears of sympathy and affection bedew, the good man's grave.

Another soldier of the Revolution has gone to receive his bright reward. Departed this life on 31 January 1842, in his residence in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

John Bryan, Esq., in the 89th year of his age, after being confined to his bed for about two weeks with the influenza.

Subject of this notice was a native of Ireland he immigrated in childhood with his parents to America and settled in Pennsylvania, near the Maryland line.

During the Revolutionary war in times that try men's souls. He commanded a company of militia as Capt. and near the close of the war was promoted that of Major. He was often found battling in the armies of his country for that freedom and independence which he long live to enjoy.

In the year 1787's he immigrated to North Carolina and settled in the county of Wilkes where he remained until his death, with the exception of one year in Georgia.

In all the private as of life as husband mastering friend, His department was most exemplary. He possessed by nature a strong and vigorous mind, which he exerted with great advantage and success, in the accumulation of a reputation for industry, honor and integrity upon which his descendants can look back, with pride and actual exultation. To the industrious poor, he was always a warm and liberal friend, administering to their wants with kindness and generosity, he was particularly a father to the widow and orphan, affording them consolation and relieved and their distresses and wiping away with a tender hand. The bitter tears of affliction. As a magistrate. The duties of which eat the film for many years. He acted with justice, moderation, and honor.

He has left an aged and disconsolate widow, it has been a beloved and cherished companion. For more than a half-century and numerous offspring to mourn their loss if they do not mourn as those who have no hope fort Although the subject of this obituary was not a member of any visible Christian church yet he earnestly devoted the latter years of his life, to that preparation for eternity, which is enjoined upon all the human family by the Holy Scriptures. He was often seriously engaged in forever in prayer and reading the word of God, and during his last sickness, often said that he should not recover, and talked of dying without showing any signs of alarm and on being asked by his sorrowing companion who is a professor of religion. A short time been his death asked if he was afraid to, die to use his own words, he answered he had been a long time preparing for death and was not afraid to die. He retained his senses to the last moments and his death like his life was one of the peaceful and resignation to the will of his divine master's affliction was severe, but even to the last of his existence. He bore them with Christian meekness and fortitude. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, that they may rest from their laboring in the works do follow them.

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