

Delaware

BRYAN, JAMES

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Paid at the Treasury under the act of 6th of April 1838 from 4th March 1838 to 4th September 1838 age notified 10 June 1839.

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Pennsylvania

JAMES BRYAN of Fayette County in the state of Pennsylvania who was a private in the company commanded by Captain **SHAFER** of the regiment commanded by Colonel **MITCHELL** in the Delaware militia line for 7 months.

Inscribed on the role of Pennsylvania at the rate of \$23.33 per annum to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834. 1831.

Certificate of pension issued the 7th Day of July 1837 and sent to **W. E. AUSTIN**, Esquire Union Town

Arrears to the 4th of March 1837	\$140.00
semi annual allowance ending 4th September 1837	\$11.66

	\$150.66

Revolutionary claim,
Act June 7th, 1832

Recorded by **WILLIAM ALLISON**, Clerk
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State of Pennsylvania
County of Fayette

On the 2nd day of September in 1834 personally appeared before The Honorable **THOMAS H. BAIRD**, Esquire in the county of Fayette and state of Pennsylvania 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. 1779 as a volunteer for the term of 8 months, on the 12th of April, under the following named officers.

That he first volunteered as aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain **R. SHAFER** and that he believes that he was attached to Colonel **MITCHELL**'s regiment, all of the 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 there 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 the to Walton's landing and that they was also guarding the bay at Cape Henlopen, Broadkill Creek, Pilot Town, Plum Point, and that he thus continued with the said service until he was honorably discharged by the said officers on or about the 25th day of December of said year at Plum Point.

Second tour in which he volunteered for the term of 8 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 four named places and likewise to Lewes Town, and in which neighborhood they continued for some considerable time until ordered to the lighthouse at Cape Henlopen and & c. where they remained perhaps about 2 months, as near as he, declarant, can recollect, and from thence to Indian River, and after about one week they was ordered from 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 Lewes town and deponent believes from thence to the lighthouse at Cape Henlopen where they remained until they were taken to Broadkill Creek and detained there until they was ordered from thence to Pilot 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 sometime in the summer of 1781 deponent engaged for the term of 3 months under the said officers as well as deponent, at present, recollects, and that they then expected to march to or near New York, but not being ready in time they were not called, or at least did not march, to that place.

That sometime after which they were ordered to march to Philadelphia and deponent believes from there to Virginia, but that their orders was remanded and that they were discharged in Sussex County about 2 weeks before his said three-month tour expired, which was about the time of Lord **CORNWALLIS**'s surrender, after which he was no more called out in the said service.

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Deponents states that from his late sickness and infirmity that leaving no that having no record of his age that his birth may have been in the year 1763 but 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 deponent can possibly recollect, amounting to 19 months as a volunteer for which he claims a pension, that if his last 3 months tour may not be satisfactory to the honorable Department as not having served but two months and two weeks, he claims a pension for the said two eight month tours, of 16 months 16 days. That he cannot recall the dates of his three-month time 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 of the said Revolutionary War, about two miles from the town of Milford and that in the year of 1795 he moved to Fort Cumberland in the County of Allegheny in the state of Maryland where he resided until the year 1825. And from thence over to the state of Pennsylvania in the county of Fayette and Township of Union, aforesaid, where he resides, and that he has no documentary evidence of his said service, that his discharges was destroyed [before he] came to the said County of Fayette where he yet resides.

That he hereby relinquish has every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and that he declares that his name is not on the pension role of any agency in any state whatsoever.

JAMES BRYAN {seal}

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and your aforesaid

RICHARD BEESON, Prothonotary

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We, **THORNTON FLEMING**, a clergyman residing in the Town of Union of said County and **SAMUEL SUTTON** ??? are acquainted with the said **JAMES BRYAN** who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That they believed him to be 70 years of age and 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 in year aforesaid.

THORNTON FLEMING {seal}

SAMUEL SUTTON {seal}

RICHARD BEESON. Prothonotary

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion, after 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 was has signed the proceeding certificate, is a clergyman and a resident in the county of for said and that **SAMUEL SUTTON** who has also signed the same as a resident of the said County and is a credible person and that their statements are entitled to credit.

I **RICHARD BEESON**, 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 BRYAN** for pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this third day of October A. D. 1834

RICHARD BEESON, Clerk

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State of Pennsylvania
County of Fayette

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, **JAMES BRYAN** who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequence 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. Mentioned below and in the following grades as a volunteer for the term of 6 months in my first tour six months in my first tour and that after I said term expired late in the year of 1779 I was discharged by Colonel **MITCHELL**.

And that in the following year on or about the 10th of March 1780 I again volunteered and served for six months longer in the said company commanded by Captain **SHAFER** and of Colonel **MITCHELL**'s regiment, and by whom I was honorably discharged on or about the 12th of September 1780 or not exceeding the 15th of said month of September by the said officers under whom he was first and secondly under during the above-mentioned two six-month tours.

And that on or about the 1st of August 1781 he again volunteered for a term of three months, under the said officers, or at least under the said Captain and Colonel, who told us that our next campaign would be to New York but when we went to Philadelphia and remain there for one month and from thence we was expected to have marched to Virginia but before we marched the said orders were remanded and that on or about the 1st 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 months as above. and that He also served for six months more which was in my second tour likewise as a volunteer and that in my third tour which was fourth term of three months as a volunteer but discharged after serving one month making in the whole at least 13 months and for such service I claim a pension.

And that after being under a particular charge for more than one year past or to endeavor 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 and particular examinations & c. that I could not clearly recollect of any further services other than the above and together with my former declaration, sworn to at Union Town, same time on or about the last of August or 1st of September last, of which I have no copy, sometime on or about the last of August or first of September, and no copy preserved, but I believe it all to be correct, with the above amendment, Which hope will 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 inquiries and that it is out of my power to recollect as distinctly as I would wish since my memory has been so much impaired by sickness and age.

JAMES BRYAN {seal}

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the justice of the peace in and for said County given under my hand at Union Town this 20th day of April A. D. 1835

CLEMENT WOOD

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Pennsylvania
Fayette County

I **RICHARD BEESON** Clerk of the county of Fayetteville as above County certify that Clement wood is a magistrate as above and that the above certificate and signature purporting to be his are genuine.

And testimony were of I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said court at Union Town the 21st day of April 1835

RICHARD BEESON, Clerk

State of Pennsylvania
County of Fayette

I **RICHARD BEESON** clerk of the court of the county for said certify that **CLEMENT WOOD** is a magistrate as above and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine.

And testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my name, this 20th day of April in the year of A. D. 1835

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Declaration

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

State of Pennsylvania
County of Fayette

On this 3rd 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 resident of Franklin Township in the county of Fayette and state of Pennsylvania, who being duly sworn according to law death on his oath make the following declaration:

That he served in the Revolutionary Army as stated in his declaration filed in the pension office; that he served

Two tours of at least three months each he further states that during that time he was engaged and no other Pursuits other than the business and duties of a soldier

JAMES BRYAN

June 5th 1837

Sworn and subscribed in open court

THOMAS SLOAN, prothonotary

Hi **THOMAS SLOAN** Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for the county of Fayette and the state of Pennsylvania do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the proceedings 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, prothonotary

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JAMES BRYAN

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C letter to honorable A. STEWART 4th February 1835

28th April 1835 SAMUEL SUTTON

Letter 3rd May 1837 W. E. AUSTIN

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JAMES L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington City, DC

Union Town Oct 10, 1834

JAMES L. Edwards, Esq.

Sir,

At the request of Mr. **SAMUEL SUTTON** I state that I am personally acquainted with **JAMES BRYANT, JAMES ELBERSON, VICTOR SHAW** and **DANIEL MCCARTHER** who are applications 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 that they are all in very indigent circumstances and stand in need of assistance from their country for support. I have no reason to doubt the justice of their claims.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

ANDREW STEWART

Union Town, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
23rd April 1835

Sir,

The enclosed declaration of old Mr. **BRYAN**'s, which perhaps do 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 declaration or not, as I am but little acquainted with the proper manner of proceeding. Please to reply when convenient.

I have the honor to be respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL SUTTON

J. L. EDWARDS
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington City, DC

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Second Comptroller's Office
June 3rd, 1839

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 4th Sept. 1838.

Respectfully yours,

ALBION K. PARRIS
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 Mrssrs. Sutton and Stewart, I find that the defects of Mr. **BRYAN**'s declaration where, his neglecting to state that he was not engaged in any other business than that of a soldier, and the too great lengths of tours sworn to. The enclosed declaration you will observe, remedies the first defect.

In regard to the second, he still thinks that the tours 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 favor by letting me know what else is wanting. He will 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.

Vary respectfully yours,

Mr. **E. AUSTIN**

Mr. **J. L EDWARDS**

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