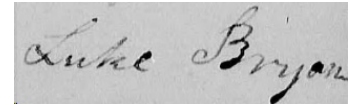


He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state
Sworn & subscribed the Day and year aforesaid before me
John Harras JPRC



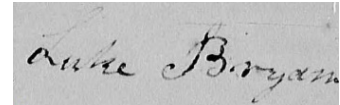
We Simeon Harras a clergiman residing in the County of Randolph and state of Virginia and [blank] residing in the same place do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Luke Bryan of this County who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to have been a soldier of the Revolution. That he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion
sworn & subscribed the Day & year aforesaid before me
John Harras JPRC

[signed] Simeon Harras
[signed] J. M. Corley

The following interrogatories as prescribed by the War department were put and were answered as follows to wit

- To 1st Born within 4 Mile of Baltimore state of Mariland in the year 1759
- To 2^d has a bible record of his age kept by his father in his life time it is now in declarents Poesion
- To 3^d Was living in Baltimore when Volunteerd into the service the 1st term, was living there when drafted the 2^d term has lived in gun powder Baltimore county Md has lived in Aligainey [sic: Allegany] County Md. and now lives in Randolph County Virginia
- T 4th Volenteerd 1 year & 10 Month ware Drafted 3 weeks
- To 5th Ware acquainted with no regular officer except Capt Robert Wilmott Commandant of Fort Henry & Capt of Artilery
- To 6th Did never as he recolects receive a written discharge
- To the 7th He is well known in his neighbourhood by the Reverent Simeon Harras by James M Corly and sundry other citizens.

Propounded by me
John Harras JPRC



[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David w. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote "Doubtful" on his report on Bryan.]
Luke Bryan, Applicant

On the 31st October 1834 Bryan gave the following statement of his age & services as a soldier in the War of the Revo. was born Near Balt'o. in the year 1759. When in his 17th year of age to Wit in 1776, he volunteered under Capt. Wilkerson as a minute man. Stood as such for one year & ten months – during the time he aided in building Fort McHenry, 3 miles below Baltimore, was there a little upwards of nine months as a soldier drew rations and worked part of his time. Captain Wilkerson commanded at the Fort. he was also drafted several other times but was only in actual service under such draftes only 3 weeks. Just before the Cornwallis surrendered he was drafted to join the army, got almost to Susquehannah [sic: Susquehanna] River. "then heard that Cornwallis had given up" and he was discharged and never never went into service.

G. D Camden [see endnote] drew his first Declaration. S Wyatt drew the second. he gave them the same statement now given except he went more into particulars.

In testimony of the truth of the forgoing statement I hereto subscribed my name Octo 31 1834
Witness/ N Goff [Nathan Goff] Luke Bryan

Note – this case is not furnished by the abstracts [i.e. Singleton had no record of what Bryan stated in his application]. We came across him accidently and took his statement – which to say the least of it – is somewhat improbable. I think proof ought to be required. W. G Singleton/ Nov. 26 1834

War Dept./ Pen. Office/ March 26, 1835.

Sir [Clk. Co. Court/ Beverly/ Randolph Co. Va]: The claims of the following named persons to pensions under the Act of 1832 have, upon the receipt of the report made by Wm. [sic] Singleton, on the case, been rejected, viz:

x x x x

Luke Bryan

NOTE: A note in the file reads "Suspended – Letter 19 Augst 1833 (not found) S. Wyatt." The official reason for rejecting the claim is "Fraudulent," but nothing in the file suggests fraud or even that it was "somewhat improbable." Although Gideon Draper Camden was sometimes associated with agents who filed fraudulent pension applications, Camden was himself never accused. No second declaration was found in the file.