

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Broyhill (Brayhill) S32136

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State of Illinois, County of Tazewell

On this sixth day of September in the Year of our Lord 1837, personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable County Commissioners Court of the County and State aforesaid, a Court of Record, James Broyhill, a resident of said County of Tazewell, aged Seventy Five[?] Years Seventy Six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. To wit: That he the said James Broyhill was born in Caroline County in the State of Virginia – he is informed and believes on or about, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year of our Lord 1760 or 61. That he has no record of his age. That when he entered the military service of the United States he resided in Halifax County in the State of Virginia. That he resided from seven to 10 years of the War in Pittsylvania County in Virginia & removed from there to Wilkes County North Carolina, on Warrior Creek and resided there about 22 Years, and removed then to McMinn County Tennessee & there resided two years & then came to this State and resided about two years in Sangamon County and then removed to this County four years ago last March and has resided here ever since. That when about 18 years of age, he cannot by reason of old age and the great lapse of time tell in what Year, but a very short time after Colonel Daniel Boon [sic, Daniel Boone] was taken prisoner by the Indians at the Salt Licks in the State of Kentucky in the early part of February he volunteered under Captain Thomas Dillard of Pittsylvania County. Thomas Hutchins Lieutenant & Charles Hutchins Ensign he believes, to go to Kentucky to fight the Indians. That he with the said company went to Kentucky to Boone's Station called then Boonsboro [sic, Boonesboro] on the Bank of the Kentucky River, the men there stationed engaged in scouting and skirmishing with the Indians until sometime in June and was marched Home and arrived about the first day of July following, having been absent from home about four months and one half – That he received no written discharge, and thinks it was probable that he was entered in the Rolls of the Company as James Bray instead of Broyhill his proper name in as much as he was frequently called by the name Bray. That he again entered the Service about the first of May in the Spring before Gates defeat [Battle of Camden], he cannot remember the Year. He volunteered under Captain Paul Waddleton [sic, Paul Wattington] of Halifax County Virginia. The Lieutenant I think was by the name of Irwin. There was also a Captain Fountain from the same County. That he was marched with the Company to which he belonged to Hillsboro North Carolina. We there remained about two months, troops coming in every day until the arrival of General Gates [Horatio Gates] with his Army. Our company was then attached to the Command of General Stephens [sic, Brigadier General Edward Stevens] I think his command consisted of four Regiments, the first known as the Honest first, the Black-guard Second, the Bloody third, the Lousy [?] fourth. That his company was attached to the first Regiment. I think that our Colonel's name was in Holt Richardson. I think the name of our adjutant was Samuel Cobbs. I do not remember the names of the other captains commanding companies in said Regiment except Captain Fountain. I remember at Hillsboro General Gates, General DeKalb, Colonel Horey [sic, Horry?], General Marion. In a week or Ten [days] after the arrival of General Gates, the whole Army, with whom I was, took up the line of March for South Carolina. We marched very rapidly till we arrived near Camden South Carolina, when one morning very early, about day light the Army fell in with the English under command of General Cornwallis. Our command immediately broke and retreated in complete rout till we arrived at Mast ferry on the Pedee River. General Steuben's horse got wounded in the battle. I did not see the battle. I was with baggage wagons. From the Pedee we were marched to Hillsboro – we there remained about a fortnight and were then discharged, that is to say we were told that those who chose might go home – I received no written discharge – I was in the service this time also about four months and a half. I think it

probable also that he here my name was entered on the Rolls as James Bray. In this action usually called Gates defeat, General DeKalb was killed. In the month of August before the surrender of Cornwallis, I again volunteered under Captain Fleming Bates of Halifax County. Captain Roberts & Captain Falkner also commanded companies from the same County. We marched then immediately under the command of Colonel Rogers to near York Town – Here I was drafted into the artillery and placed in the Company of Captain Falkner. We were under the Command particularly of General Lawson. I here remained in constant & active service, throwing up entrenchments &c until the surrender of York Town by Cornwallis. I do not remember the names of any of the officers except General Washington & the Marquis De Lafayette. We were discharged in the latter part of October. I here being [? inflicted] with the ague, I received a written discharge, after the surrender I was again placed under the command of Captain Bates. I think my discharge was signed by him. I have long since lost it. I was in the Service this time about two months, making in all eleven months I served during the Revolutionary War. I know of no living witness by whom I can prove my said service. I was always a private. I can refer the Court to Benjamin Briggs Esq. and William Bocook, to whom I am known in my present neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity, and their beliefs of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. H. Morrison, Clk

S/ James Broyhill, X his mark

[William Bocook, a clergyman, and Benjamin Briggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On March 3, 1845 in Tazewell County, Illinois, James Brayhill [sic], son of James, gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application for a widow's pension in which he states "his mother's first name was Rebecca—Rebecca Brayhill, alias Bailey,..."]

State of Illinois, Tazewell County

On this ninth day of September in the year of our Lord 1840, personally appeared James Broyhill in open Court before the Honorable the County Commissioners Court in & for said County (being a Court of Record) a resident of said County of Tazewell & State of Illinois, aged 79 years and four months, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated. On the first day of February, the year not remembered, while residing in Halifax County Virginia, he entered the military service, under one Captain Thomas Dillard, but does not remember, whether the said Dillard was commissioned by the State of Virginia, or by the United States. Thomas Hutchins was the first Lieutenant & Charles Hutchins Ensign. The Company rendezvoused in Pittsylvania County Virginia (in which County to said Dillard resided) on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the same February & on the same day started for Boone's Station Kentucky, where he & the company arrived at Boone's Station, they found the place in the charge of a Company from Virginia, under the command of one Captain Watkyns [sic], which they relieved. They remained at the Station three months engaged in scouting against, & skirmishing with the Indians, when they returned by slow marches to Virginia, and were then discharged from the service at a Block House on the Holston [River]. He entered the service for three months, but was in actual service for four months. He received no written discharge. He again entered the service in the Spring before Gates defeat, the year not remembered. He volunteered, under one Captain Paul Waddleton [sic, Paul Wattington] of the first Regiment of Four, under the Command of General Stevens. The Regiment was commanded by one Colonel Holt Richardson. He also remembers Major Boyce and Captain Fountain in the same Regiment. His Company under the

command of Wattington & Fountain's Company were both from Halifax Virginia. The two companies went together to Hillsboro North Carolina, where the Regiment, with the three others under the command of General Stevens rendezvoused. They laid there about two months until Gates arrived with the Army from the North. The four Regiments under Stevens followed Gates to the South, to Camden at which place the Army was defeated. This declarant did not go to Camden, but stopped at the Big Pedee River, being one of the rear guard in charge of the command under General Stevens, Major Harry Conoway [sic] had command of the guard. Immediately after the defeat, every soldier shifted for himself. This declarant returned to the Little Pedee [River] where he found a great many of the Soldiers belonging to Stevens' Brigade. He then returned to Hillsborough & was there immediately discharged from the service. This declarant received no written discharge. He volunteered for three months, but was in the service of five. This Declarant, the third time entered the service, about the first of August immediately preceding the surrender of Cornwallis. He volunteered under one Captain Fleming Bates of Halifax County Virginia, Captain Roberts & Faulkner commanded companies from the same County. We went to Yorktown under the Command of Colonel Rodgers, & there found the Army collecting under General Washington. This declarant was then taken from Bates' Company & placed under Captain Faulkner of the Artillery. This declarant was present when the Army of Cornwallis grounded their arms. The British troops marched out of Yorktown, in solid column, between the lines of the American Army, into an old field, where they deposited first their drums, with the fifes on the heads of the drums; struck their colors into the soil, laid their guns on the ground, faced about & marched back into Yorktown. This declarant, with his company & others was engaged in working upon the Breast works & the fortifications during the most of the time that they were there up to about the period of the surrender of Cornwallis. Previous to the surrender, this Declarant was ordered out, to gather corn for the horses in Camp under one Stephen Rand Forage master. After the Surrender he was again placed under the command of Captain Bates, where he was taken sick and discharged. He had first together with eight or ten others, received a discharge from the surgeon, but at his request Captain Bates gave him a separate discharge (written) which he has since lost. This time your declarant was in the service three months. Your declarant knows of no surviving witness who has a personal knowledge of the above services of your declarant to whom he can refer to prove the truth of the foregoing declaration. This declarant was born in Caroline County Virginia, in the year of our Lord 1761. He knows of no record of his age except in the Register of his Grandfather William Broyhill Kept in a book which is either lost or destroyed. After the Revolution I removed from Halifax County Virginia to Pittsylvania County Virginia from thence to Wilkes County North Carolina, from thence to Tennessee & from thence to Tazewell County Illinois where I still reside. This declarant is known in his neighborhood to Benjamin Briggs Esq., Philander Dean, Neil Johnson, John H. Morrison, Littleton T. Garth & James Wibray & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. And this declarant 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.

S/ James Broyhill

Sworn and subscribed to the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ J. H. Morrison, Clerk C. C. C. T. C.

Personally appeared before me the Undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Tazewell Illinois James Broyhill who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot positively swear as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the grade of Private

For one year I served as a Private, and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this mine September A.D. 1840

S/ Wm B. Parker, Justice of Peace

S/ James Broyhill

[Neill Johnson, a clergyman, and James Wibray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]