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Virginia documents pertaining to John Braidfoote VAS2610
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Norfolk County to wit

I Tapley Webb a Justice of the peace in and for the said county hereby certify that Major S. Wyatt [Spievy (Spivey) Wyatt S6456] who is now in the 73^d year of his age this day made oath before me that he was well acquainted with the Reverend John Braidfoote who was formerly the Pastor of Portsmouth parish & resided on the Glebe Lands at the mouth of the western branch within four miles of his residence. Maj. Wyatt further made oath that Mr Braidfoote was an active zealous & influential leader of the party in this county friendly to the American Cause, from the earliest disturbances to the time of his death which occurred in the latter part of 1778. He knows that Mr Braidfoote volunteered in the first companies raised in this County by Captains Hoffer [William Hoffer S38047] & Booker at the time that Lord Dunmore lay in the harbour of Norfolk [early 1776], and that after the Declaration of Independence he was appointed Chaplain to one of the Virginia Regiments, in which he continued to the time of his death, Major Wyatt distinctly recollects the circumstance of Mr Braidfoote death, for it is a fact that many other living witnesses can attest that Mr Braidfoote for several months before he died had a presentiment that he was to die on a certain day, & he mentioned it to many of his friends whom he invited, as the day approached, to come on that day & see him die, & on that very day he died.

I certify that Major Wyatt is a gentleman whose evidence is entitled to all respect.

Given under my hand this 15th day April 1832

T. Webb J.P.

April 1st 1778 Received for the use of Rev. John Braidfoot fifty seven pounds for his pay as Chaplain to the Troops at Portsmouth CC. signed W Hoffer

£57

Treasury Office – Richmond may 7th 1832

The above is a copy of a receipt found in book No 3 in Treasury Office. L. Burfoot[?] Trea Com'th

Norfolk County towit

I certify that Rev'd Mr Thomas Owens who is now in the seventy six year of his age, this day affirmed before me that he knew the Rev'd John Braidfoote who was a zealous & influential advocate of the American revolution & frequently harangued the people inviting them to take sides with the Whigs & assuring them that they would ultimately succeed in establishing their Independence. He further affirmed that Mr Braidfoote held some situation in the Army whilst it was at Portsmouth (but what situation he does not know) and died whilst in service in the early part of the war. Mr Owens affirms that he himself was in the militia service during a part of the war. I certify that Mr Owens is worthy of belief.

Given under my hand this 7th day of May 1832

T. Webb JP

To the Governour & Council of Virginia

The Rev'd John Braidfoote was a Chaplain in the Virginia State Line & was stationed with the Army at Portsmouth & died in service in 1778

The evidence, is – First a Certificate of the Treasurer to a Receipt given by Captain Wm Hoffer (who was an officer in the State Line) for the Rev'd Jno Braidfoote for £57, for his pay as Chaplain – Secondly the deposition of Major Spivey Wyatt that Mr Braidfoote was Chaplain & that he died in service – Thirdly the Certificate of the clerk of Norfolk County Court that Administration on the Est[ate] of Mr Braidfoote was granted in January 1779.

The receipt as Chaplain is dated in April 1778 Maj Wyatt states that Mr Bradfoote died in 1778 & the clerk, Certificate of Admin. proves that he must have died in 1778 as Admin. was grant [the rest missing]