

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bradley R1135

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State of Tennessee }

McMinn County SS. }

On this the seventeenth day of December A.D. Eighteen hundred and Fifty Five, Personally appeared before me, a justice of the Peace, within and for said County and State, Elizabeth Bradley Widow, aged Ninety years, a resident of McMinn County aforesaid, being duly sworn according to Law, declares that she is the widow of William Bradley, deceased, who was a Private soldier in the Revolutionary War. That she does not remember the name of the Captain or Colonel under whom her husband served, but knows he was stationed as Guard at the Old Barracks near Charlottevill Albamarl County Virginia [sic: Albemarle Barracks near Charlottesville; first prisoners arrived Jan 1779]. That she has heard her said husband William Bradley, often speak of his sufferings from hunger while in the service of the Federal Congress, in guarding English Prisoners and Tories, during the years of 1777 and 1778 [sic] and continued in the actual service of said Revolutionary war for the term of Eight Months and upwards and was honorably discharged, she fairither declares, she has heard her said husband say frequently, during her life, that the whole amount of his pay was not granted, untill several years after the close of said Revolutionary war. She also declares that she has not, and never has had, a certificate of her marriage to William Bradley aforesaid, but believes the License of said Marriage was returnable in Buckingham County Virginia. That the Bans of Wedlock were celebrated on or about the Tenth of February A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Four, by one William Flowers a Baptist Minister, and that her name previous to her marriage, was Elizabeth Lynch; That her husband the said William Bradley, died at Been Creek [see endnote], on James River in the State of Virginia on or about the Sixth day of April A.D. 1821, and that she the said Elizabeth has since been a Widow.

She the said Elizabeth Bradley makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining a Pension to which she may be entitled under an Act of Congress "Approved February 3^d. 1853" and also for the purpose of obtaining a Bounty Land Warrant to which she may be entitled by an "Act of Congress Approved March 3^d. 1855".

[signed] Elizabeth Bradley

NOTES:

A document from the Auditor of Virginia states that a William Bradley received on 2 Nov 1784 a final settlement of pay for his service as a soldier of guards.

Elizabeth Bradley made a declaration on 2 March 1853, but it is less detailed than the above except that it states that William Bradley served under a Capt. Perkins. Elizabeth Bradley also made a declaration similar to the above on 3 Sep 1856.

Elsewhere William Bradley is said to have died on Benn or Bennis Creek in Buckingham County, where he also lived. This may have been Bent Creek now in Appomattox County.