

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bradley Powers R8410

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this 16th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now sitting Bradley Powers a resident of said County and State aged eighty-two 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 to wit that he was born in the year 1750 in the state of Virginia the County he does not know, that he has no record of his age nor does he know of any -- that he removed from the State of Virginia when about 5 years old and was left an orphan at the age of 11 by the death of his parents -- he came with them from Virginia to Chatham County in the State of North Carolina and there continued to live until the commencement of the revolutionary war. That at the time he entered the service of the United States he was a resident of said County of Chatham and was drafted in the State's troops of North Carolina for 3 months -- that Captain Cage [William Cage] was the Captain of his company and Luttrell [John Luttrell] was his Colonel that he served the whole time for which he was drafted and was in a skirmish with a troop of British cavalry near Salisbury -- and that he has no discharge at this time it being lost or mislaid. That being illiterate he cannot say in what year it was but he believes it must have been in the year of 1776.

He went from thence to Randolph County and joined a company of Whigs commanded by Captain Garner [James Garner] here he took the oath of allegiance to the United States which I have dated 1st December [illegible year written over and that an ink blot] we were out frequently and my whole service of mounted to more than 6 months. I went to South Carolina and was made there first Sergeant and received a discharge. He now lives in Buncombe County North Carolina. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid.

S/ Bradley Powers, X his mark

[John Young & Thomas T. Patton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1834

On this the 26th day of October 1834 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and

Quarter Sessions now in session for the County of Buncombe Bradley Powers who having been first duly sworn according to law states that his age is 83 years and that he joined the Army of the Revolution in the County of Chatham in said State in the year he does not recollect in the State Troops of North Carolina as a private under Captain Cage for the term of 3 months at the Luttrell's barracks in said County and that he was there stationed by Colonel Luttrell with 30 men until his term expired that afterwards he volunteered for the term of 3 months -- under Captain Cage and was marched from Luttrell's barracks to Rowan County in said State where their company was met by a Troop of British Cavalry near Salisbury and after having fired on them the British retreated and from thence he marched to Randolph County in said State having served said Term out for which he received a Discharge which discharge he has lost or mislaid and does not Recollect the day nor the date of said Service. And in said County of Randolph he and 23 others volunteered as a Company of Whigs under Captain Garner for the purpose of suppressing a company of Tories in said County and after having been out 3 weeks they returned home and for which service he was not discharged he again volunteered in company with 8 other men in said County under Captain Garner and marched in company with Captain Garner to Mecklenburg County in said State where he joined Captain Hutcherson's [William Hutchinson?] company of militia in company with 5 of his comrades that came with him from Randolph County with the consent of Captain Garner and was marched by Captain Hutcherson and General Gates [Horatio Gates] within a few miles of Camden South Carolina where they were attacked during the night some time in August by Lord Cornwallis where the American Army were defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. That he served 2 months under Captain Hutcherson and went from thence to Union District in the State of South Carolina where he joined a volunteer company commanded by Captain James Lipham for the term of 6 months and was by Captain Lipham appointed as first Sergeant in said company that he was sent by Captain Lipham to Gashan Hill [sic, Goshen Hill] in said District to enlist soldiers and that after being there 2 months he was taken sick with a fever and was not able to do any more service during said term and did not receive a discharge from Captain Lipham for his service. That he remained in Union District until he moved to Buncombe County State of North Carolina where he now lives.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Bradley Powers, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Personally appeared before me Thomas T. Patton an acting justice of the peace in and for said County William Robison [sic, William Robinson]¹ a resident of said County who having been first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that Bradley Powers who hath this day appeared with him was in the Army of the Revolution and served with him under Captain William Hutcherson in the County of Mecklenburg in said State marched with him under Captain Hutcherson to within a few miles of Camden South Carolina where they were defeated and that he never saw the said Bradley Powers afterwards until coming to this County.

Sworn to and subscribed 20th day September A.D. 1834.

S/ Thos. T. Patton, JP

¹ [William Robison \(Robinson\) W18821](#)

S/ William Robinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm. Robinson". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

[p 6: Roley Alexander gave testimony in Union District South Carolina on August 12th, 1853, that in 1810 he was present at the Union Court House as Bradley Powers was married to Sarah Ray by one Birdsong, JP.]