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Pension Application of John Bradley S1792

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State of Tennessee } Circuit Court
Rutherford County } October term 1832.

On this 9th day of October in the year 1832, before me James C. Mitchell one of the Judges of the circuit courts in & for the State of Tennessee now sitting at Murfreesborough [Murfreesboro] for the County of Rutherford, personally appeared John Bradley, a resident of said County & State, aged about 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 7th, 1832. In the fall of the year 1777, applicant can not state the precise time, being then a resident in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia, he entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer in the company commanded by Capt John Gilliard, Richard Haney Lieutenant & James Kirtley ensign. the company was attached to the regiment commanded by Col [Philip] Pendleton, & William Roberts, Major. They marched from Culpeper Court house, thence to Frederick town Maryland, thence to Lancaster Pennsylvania, thence towards Philadelphia, above which place they joined Washington's army while Gen [William] Howe had possession of it [26 Sep 1777 - 18 Jun 1778]. After reaching the main army Col. Crafford [probably William Crawford] took command of the regiment & Pendleton perhaps served as lieutenant Col.

They returned home when Washington went into winter quarters [at Valley Forge]. applicant was absent from home in this campaign more than three months.

In February 1778 [sic] as he now believes, but is not certain, he enlisted in the service under Capt John Roberts, receiving a bounty of five dollars, with the understanding that he was to assist in guarding, in the State of Virginia Albemarle county, Burgoyne's troops that had been taken prisoners [Burgoyne's troops captured at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777 and taken to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779]. He believes he stayed in Albemarle County guarding the prisoners more than two years. The American forces there were first commanded by Gen. [Theodorick] Bland, afterwards by Gen. Woods [sic: James Wood]. applicant was in the regiment commanded by Col. Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor], John Roberts Major being promoted from Captain; his company then commanded by James Purvis, Capt. John Slaughter lieutenant, William Slaughter, ensign. When they heard of the approach of Cornwallis [20 Feb 1781], they moved the prisoners, passing through Stoverstown, Millerstown, & Newton, to Winchester, where applicant was discharged. He believes that Col. Fountain [sic: William Fontaine] commanded part of the time while they were in Albemarle County.

On his return to Culpeper County he next served as a substitute in the place of Joseph Sampson in a company commanded by Capt Fisher Rice; served out his time, when the relief came near Richmond, Virginia, where & when he again substituted in the place of Richard Linkens in the company commanded by Capt William Green, & William Triplet [William Triplett] Lieutenant; Allcock Col. of the regiment, [Nathaniel] Welch Major, under the command of Gen. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] from Culpeper County, or Gen Mulenberg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] from Shenandoah. He was discharged on Movin Hill 7 or 9 miles below Richmond [sic: Malvern Hill, 15 mi SE of Richmond] in August or September 1781.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written [signed] John Bradley