

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bradley Medlin S2817

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State of Tennessee Wilson County} SS

On this 28th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful James M. Martin, David C. Hibbetts & Benjamin T. Mottley, the presiding Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Wilson County now sitting at the Court house in the town of Lebanon, Bradley Medlin, a resident of the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee aged about Seventy-three or four 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 7, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated., That he was drafted a private soldier in Franklin County in the State of North Carolina on the __ day of __ 1780 or 1 in the fall of the year for three months and was put in the company commanded by Capt. James Richards Lieut. Garrett Goodloe, & Ensign Harris, and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonels Benjamin Seawell and William Brickle the said Regiment was never attached to the Main Army, that he was rendezvoused at Franklin Court house and marched to Salisbury and down in the state of South Carolina to a place called Cheraw Hill on Pedee River in South Carolina and was discharged at Salisbury in the latter part of the fall of the year 1780 – 1 after having been [text too faint to read] months in actual service, that he returned home and in the latter part of the fall of 1781 or 2 was again drafted a private soldier and placed in the volunteer company of Cavalry commanded by Capt. William Ferrell and was afterwards placed under the command of James Tatum, & Lieut. Hart Continental officers and was marched through the Tory settlements on Cape Fear River down to Wilmington and Bluford's bridge [sic, Buford's Bridge]¹ on Cape Fair River [sic, Fear River], was one of the file of men that took old Clayton a celebrated old Tory rascal and several others, that he was discharged at Smithfield on Neuse River on the __ day of __ 1781 or 2 after serving more than 3 months, he recollects it was late in the year and he returned home and shortly afterwards the news reached of peace being concluded that he moved to the State of Tennessee and 1811 [could be 1812 or 1816 -- the last digit is written over] and has resided in Wilson County 17 or 18 years. He has no documentary evidence of his services having long since lost his discharges, he can prove by Mr. Bridges his entering the service of his country in the Old War, but not the precise time he served, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State in the

¹ J D Lewis notes: "The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770s. But, by the late 1770s, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge." https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html

United States.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Josiah J. McClain, Clerk

S/ Bradley Medlin, X his mark

[Donell Bridges gave an affidavit that he knew of his own personal knowledge that Bradley Medlin served in the revolution as a soldier but does not know how long he was in the Army.]

[Micajah Estes, a clergyman, and Donell Bridges gave the standard supporting affidavit. Bridges added that he lived in Franklin County near the applicant at the time of the war and knew of his serving as a soldier therein.]

[On March 25th, 1839, veteran applied to have his pension payments made to him in Madison County, Tennessee. Veteran died August 18, 1843 in Madison County, Tennessee; Pleasant R. Gideon served as administrator of the estate of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service of 6 months as a private in the North Carolina militia 3 months of which was in the infantry and 3 months of which was in the cavalry.]