

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Larner Bradshaw S35200

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State of Kentucky Mercer County Viz

I Larner Bradshaw of the State of Kentucky and County of Mercer do hereby state on Oath (in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of congress concerning revolutionary soldiers &c) that on the 14th of February 1776 at Goochland Courthouse in the State of Virginia I enlisted for two years as a regular Soldier in the Continental line with Capt Samuel Woodson of the 9th Virginia Reg't. at that time commanded by Colo Thos. Fleming [Thomas Fleming], and I state that I faithfully served out my time and was in the Battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] & of Gates's defeat [see endnote] as a Militia man in 1780 and several other skirmishes during the revolutionary war and was honourably discharged from Robert Woodsons Company of the s'd. 9th. Reg't who succeeded his brother Sam'l Woodson in the Command of the Company to which he was attached, at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania in the month of February in the year 1778. That the Reg't. at the time he was discharged was commanded by Colo. Burgess Ball, who succeeded Colo. George Matthews [sic: George Mathews] who was taken prisoner at the battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] who had succeeded Colo. Fleming. this applicant states that he is sixty two years of age and poor, so reduced in his circumstances that he stands in great need of Assistance from his Country for support, that he has long since lost or mislaid his discharge & he relinquishes all other claims for pensions from the U States Given under my hand this 4th day of October 1819 Larner Bradshaw

[George Robards (or Roberts, pension application S31339) and Claibourn (or Clayburn) Bradshaw (W8394) certified that they had served in the same regiment with Larner Bradshaw.]

District of Kentucky SS Mercer County Viz

On this first day of October 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County being made so by act of the Legislature having power to fine & imprison Larner Bradshaw aged sixty five years resident in Mercer County in said district who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows That I enlisted in the 9th Virginia Reg't. on continental establishment on the 14th day of February 1776 in Capt. Samuel Woodsons Company in Goochland County Virginia for two years Commanded Colo. George Matthews and was in the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown where, viz, at Germantown s'd. Colo. Mathews was taken prisoner & then Colo. Burgess Ball succeeded as Colo. of the 9th and I was Honorably discharged from Robert Woodsons Company of s'd. Reg't. (who succeeded Sam'l. Woodson) on the 16th of Feb'y. 1778 having faithfully served out my time That I am now old and unable to endure hard Labour and all my sons are of age and left me and I have no trade or occupation except that of a farmer and have to rent land I have wife 63 years of age and infirm and three female daughters two only under age and I have need of assistance from my Country for support And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz.

5 Head of Cattle. \$35

1 Old Sorrel mare. 10

18 Head of Hogs.	25
two ploughs.	7.50
Household furniture. . . .	<u>20</u>
	97.50

Larner Bradford

NOTES:

Bradshaw's service as a militiaman at the defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 would have been after his two-year tour as a regular soldier. He may not have mentioned his militia service in the 1821 declaration because only Continental service counted toward a pension under the acts of 1818 and 1820.

A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of Bradshaw's estate received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 25 Nov 1825.