

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Bradley S44665  
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District of New York }

Otsego County Ss }

On this eight day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty two Personally appeared in open court Being a court of Record for the County of Otsego James Bradley of Cherry Valley in the County of Otsego Aged sixty one years who being first duly sworn according to Law Doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the Eighteenth of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and the first of May eighteen hundred and twenty That he the said James Bradley according to his best recollection & belief his memory having become considerably impaired in consequence of a severe contusion which he received a few years since on the head Inlisted in the Spring of the Year one thousand seven hundred & seventy six in the City of Philadelphia in Capt George Bush's company in Col Thomas Harmers Regiment in the Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in that corps about five years & six months That during the principal part of that time he served in the Brigade Commanded by General [Anthony] Wayne That he was in two or three expeditions against the Indians on the Susquhannah river [sic: Susquehanna River] & was at the Battle of Tioga Point [near present Athens PA, probably part of the Battle of Newtown NY, 29 Aug 1779] That he was in the Battle of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] That he was at the takeing of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] where he Received a wound in his side That he was at the Capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] & That he then went with Gen'l. Waynes Brigade to South Carolina & Georgia that he afterwards returned with the army to Philadelphia where he was Honorably discharged That he kept the discharge for some years but that it is now lost That at the time of his discharge the company to which he belonged was commanded by Capt John Dial – And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

I have no real property whatever I have one Straw Bed two pillows one sheet, one coverlit, one bed quilt, one pot, two pails, one spider, three chairs, one Iron trammel, one shovel & tongs, three bowls, two plates, three cups & saucers, two spoons, two knives, one hoe, one basket, one tea pot, one little wheel, one smoothing iron & one iron ladle I am by occupation a black smith & am & have been for thirteen months unable to labor My Family consists of a wife who is able to do considerable labor who at present supports me by her labor Sworn to & declared on this 9 day of October 1822 in open court.

Williams Nichols Clerk

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NOTE: A note on the file jacket reads as follows: “According to Penn. Archives this is the same James Bradley who received Bounty Land Warrant 975-100.” That file contains a document executed on 12 Oct 1799 by “James Bradley late Soldier in the first Pensylvania Regiment and now of the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey town of Byram Blacksmith by occupation,” assigning his right to bounty land to one Abraham Bell of New York City.