

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

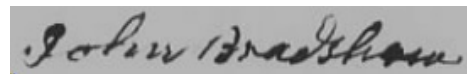
Pension Application of Robert Bradshaw S6708

VA

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State of Virginia – Goochland County to wit [18 Sep 1847]

Personally appeared before me Benjamin Anderson a justice of the peace in and for the said County, duly appointed, commissioned and qualified as such according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Virginia, John Bradshaw [pension application S15760], a revolutionary soldier now in his eighty fifth year, who being duly sworn by me deposeth and saith that his brother Robert Bradshaw was a revolutionary soldier; that the said Robert Bradshaw enlisted in the Continental service some time in the year 1777 at Goochland Courthouse Virginia with a Captain [Moses] Hawkins for the term of three years: after being enlisted he marched to the North, and there served out the term of his enlistment, and while in service at the North as he and others informed me, he acted as a noncommissioned officer in the 14th Virginia Regiment, but cannot now recollect what officers he was commanded by while in service at the North. after the expiration of the term of his enlistment at the North, he returned and went to the south with the Militia, and was at Gates's defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates near Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and there acted as adjutant in some Regiment as he & others informed me afterwards – I being then a prisoner in Charleston South Carolina. After my return home from the South, not seeing my brother Robert I enquired for him, & was informed that he had enlisted again for and during the war. I did not see him again until I was on the march to Yorktown & there on the way fell in with him in the army commanded by General Steuben, under Colonel Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450] and Captain Lovely [William L. Lovely BLWt1302-300], while at Yorktown, he Robert Bradshaw went within the enemies lines, and cut two horses (loose) from the timbers of the enemies cannon, & brought the horses into our camp, & the horses were given to him by the officers then in command. when I fell in with the said Robert Bradshaw on the march to Yorktown, he was then acting as orderly sergeant, & continued to act as orderly sergeant till he was discharged. after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781], he Robert Bradshaw & myself were marched to Cumberland old Courthouse in Virginia where we were both discharged by Colonel Christopher Feebaker or Feebacker [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675], I am not certain how his name was spelled. The said Robert Bradshaw remained after his discharge several years in Virginia & then moved to North Carolina, where he died, leaving several children, sons and daughters as I was informed and verily believe. And further this deponent saith not



North Carolina }
Caswell County }

William Kennan of the County aforesaid makes oath before me Henry Trower one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid that he is now upwards of eighty five years of age that he formerly lived in Goochland County in the State of Virginia that he was well acquainted with Robert Bradshaw of said County when he entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution that he frequently saw said Robert Bradshaw in Goochland County Virginia while engaged in raising a Company of men to serve in the revolutionary war – and was then Orderly Sergent in the Service of the United States under Captain Samuel Woods and that he subsequently saw the said Robert Bradshaw in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina about twenty five years since this 23rd day of November 1847
[signed] William Kennan

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I certify that Rob't. Bradshaw elisted the 20th January 1777 to serve three years and that he did serve that time and was discharged by Colo. Christian Febiger the 20th January 1780 January 29th 1784
John Overton jr Capt.

I certify that Rob't. Bradshaw now a Corporal in the army Feb'y 10th 1784
John Overton jr Cap

A Copy H. Randolph

I do assign my wright in land and pay to Matth. Thomson for value rec'd. as witness my Hand
Rob't. Bradshaw
Copy Cha. Jones Clk

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: Robert Bradshaw/ age 20/ height 5' 10"/ dark hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ farmer/ born and residing in Goochland County where he was drafted on 21 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Previously served two years in the 14th Virginia Regiment.

On 2 Nov 1847 Elisha Nunnaly, 69, of Rowan County, swore to the following: "This Deponent is well acquainted with all the children of Robert Bradshaw, he had one child Betsey by his first wife, she married Timothy Merrill and moved to Tennessee. He had five children, by his second wife, towit, Polly, Unity, Austen, William and Robert Bradshaw, of these Unity and William are dead the rest are living and residing in this part of the Country. Robert Bradshaw lived on the East bank of the Yadkin river about five miles above Longs Ferry formerly Rowan, but now Davidson County where he settled soon after he moved from Virginia and where he lived and died." Richard Barns, 67, made a similar statement.

On 6 Nov 1856 Orston Bradshaw, 59, of Davidson County NC made a declaration to assert the right of his father, Robert Bradshaw, to a pension under the act of 7 June 1832. He stated that Robert Bradshaw died at his home in then Rowan County 19 Feb 1832, that there was at that time no widow living, and that he was the only surviving child.