

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burrel Bradley S6747

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 28th day of August personally came in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Burrel Bradley a resident of the County of Edgecombe North Carolina aged 78 -- 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 of 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 in the Revolutionary service and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Edward Clinch of which company William Hall was Lieutenant. The company was of the Regiment of Colonel Thomas Eaton assisted in command by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Clinch. Having organized at Halifax the Company proceeded to Elizabeth Town on Cape Fear [River] where they met General Ashe [John Ashe], and marched to Charleston. Leaving Charleston he went to Augusta and after some irregular movements met the enemy at Brier Creek [March 3, 1779]. He was in the battle at that place, he was discharged at a point on the Savannah River and returned to North Carolina. He entered the service just before Christmas and was dismissed in the beginning of May, so that his service embraced a period of at least five months.

Having remained at home until the following February he was again drafted and attached to a company commanded by Captain Randolph. This company belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Linton [Lt. Col. William Thomas Linton]: Having organized at Halifax he was ordered up the country and met General Greene [Nathanael Greene] near Guilford. He was in the fight at Guilford [March 15, 1781] and after the battle he was marched southwards and at Camden he was again engaged with the enemy [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781]. -- After the battle he was directed to the Wateree [River] under Colonel Read [James Read] and having returned to Lynches in South Carolina was discharged.

The facts set forth in the declaration he proves by the oath of Jacob Braswell who served with him.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Burrel Bradley, X his mark

I Jacob Braswell¹ of the County of Edgecombe North Carolina do hereby certify that I was with Burrel Bradley in the service of the United States and believe the facts set forth in his declaration to be correct to the best of my knowledge & believe.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Jacob Braswell, X his mark

State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: April 27th 1833

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Burrel Bradley who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith --

That he was born in Sussex County Virginia -- in the year 1754 -- He had a record of his age left by his father it has been lost. He was brought to the County of Edgecombe about the age of nine years. -- He states that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise date at which he was drafted into Captain Edward Clinch's Company -- but is distinct in his recollection that he was employed in the service, and bracing the Brier Creek fight, five months.

The same reasons operate in putting it out of his power to specify the year in which this tour was performed under Captain Randolph. He is equally certain however as to length of time he was engaged in this service. He was drafted for three months and served through the whole period -- So that his two tours include eight months during which time he faithfully discharged his duty and for this he claims a pension.

Deponent further saith that he did not produced the certificate of a clergyman in consequence of none being resident in Tarborough [Tarboro] and his age and infirmities put it out of his power to encounter much fatigue. He was induced to think that as he had proven his service by the positive evidence of Jacob Braswell to whose certificate he refers, the necessity for the former would have been obviated.

He refers to the certificate of Demsey Bryan in answer to the 7th interrogatory.

Sworn & subscribed

S/ H. Austin, JP

S/ Burwell Bradley, X his mark [sic]

[D. Bryan [Dempsey Bryan?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Jacob Braswell W3933](#)