

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Lemon Bradford SC765
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State of South Carolina
Fairfield District} SS

This is to certify to the Honorable the Legislature that we have been for a number of years, well acquainted with the memorialist Mr. John L Bradford, and having examined his petition, unhesitatingly think it is entitled to consideration, as many of the Services therein stated, are correct within our own knowledge and belief. Given under hands.

Sworn to before me

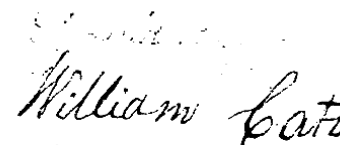

this 19th November 1829

S/ David Montgomery, JP

S/ Phil. Pearson

S/ [signature too faint to discern]

S/ William Cato²



Fairfield District

South Carolina}

John L Bradford appears and swears that the services set forth in the within petition were rendered by this deponent and saith that he was a true and faithful Soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to before me this

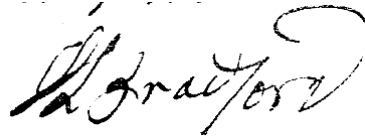
22nd November 1829

S/ David Montgomery, JP

S/ J L Bradford

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² [William Cato R1805](#)



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To the Honorable the Speaker, and other members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina.

The humble representation and Memorial of John Lemon Bradford a citizen of Fairfield District, is hereby respectfully submitted to your Honorable Body: Your petitioner ventures to state, that he entered the Service of his country in the Revolutionary War, in about the 16th year of his age, and performed the duties of a Soldier as a volunteer under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] at Fishing Creek [August 18, 1780]³; after a defeat at said place he was made a prisoner, with his Father and a number of other Citizens by the orders of Cornwallis, and consigned to Camden Jail from whence he was paroled after a savage confinement of Four months – Your petitioner further states, that on the first opportunity he joined his countrymen and assisted in the capture of Congaree Fort [Fort Granby, 14th May 1781]⁴; – after which he never left the service, as a volunteer under Captain John Gray, in a company of Cavalry, until the close of the War: Your petitioner is now in the 68th year of his age, and in circumstances of indigence, and infirmity, and by reason of age and bodily decline is candidly unable to provide himself by manual labor with a competent support: If therefore your Honorable House should be satisfied of the truth of this statement, and with the testimonials adduced, in support of his claims on public justice and favor, and grant him the usual relief allowed in such cases in any form your Honorable body may deem his case to merit, your Bounty will be gratefully accepted; and in praying relief and receiving it, your Memorialist in your wisdom, friendship and justice will ever trust and pray.

Monday of November 1829
Fairfield District South Carolina
S/ Wm F. Pearson

S/ J L Bradford

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John L Bradford appeared before me the subscribing Justice on his oath saith, that the following goods is all that he is worth, his wearing apparel, and further Swears that he has not disposed of property in any way to reduce him to the necessity of calling on the state Legislature for aid.

Sworn to before me
this 22nd November 1829
S/ David Montgomery, JP

S/ J L Bradford

[p 10: Petition identical to the one above except addressed to the SC Senate]

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of John L Bradford for a pension – beg leave to report that the prayer of your petitioner ought to be granted.
November 26 – 1829

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

S/ F. Richardson, Chairman

[pp18-20 receipts showing disbursement of \$60 per annum to Bradford from 1830 to 1834.]