

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bragg W3764

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Georgia }
Oglethorpe County }

On this seventeenth day of May 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of said County & State, personally appeared William Bragg, aged sixty five years, resident in Madison County in said State, who being by me first duly sworn, according to Law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land naval service of the United State in the Revolutionary war." That he the said William Bragg enlisted for the Term of two years in Farqhar [sic: Fauquier] County in the State of Virginia. That the precise date of his enlistment he doth not remember, but believes it was in the latter part of seventeen hundred & seventy five, or first of seventeen hundred & seventy six. That he was enlisted by Lieutenant Joseph Blackwell of Capt. Sheltons (or Chiltons) [John Chilton's] company of the third Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col Weaden (or Wheaton) [sic: George Weedon] & the General was General [Hugh] Mercer, on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the 29th July 1777 when he was discharged from service at the Hospital in Philadelphia, as being unfit for service in consequence of a wound in his head received from a spade while working in the entrenchments on the North river in New York & from sickness. That he served about eighteen months previous to his discharge, during which time he was in various skirmishes & battles on the north's river in New York, but he was in no general engagement. That the original discharge given him by Lieutenant Blackwell & a certificate by General Muhlenburg are hereto annexed. That he is now in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, & that he has no further evidence now in his power of his services

William Bragg

July 29, 1777

I do Hereby Discharge William Bragg a Soldier in the 3th Virginia Regt. in Cap't. Chiltons Comp'y he being unfit for Service. Joseph Blackwell Lieut.

It appears by a Certificate from the Surgeon General & Lieu't. Blackwell, that William Bragg a Soldier in the 3^d. Virg'a. Reg't. was discharg'd from the Hospital at Philadelphia July 29th 1777 as unfit for Service
P. Muhlenberg BG

Let the Bearer William Bragg pass to Fredericksburg unmolested Sep'r. 12th 1780

[signed] Brooke [last name illegible]

STATE OF GEORGIA, }
Madison COUNTY. }

ON this twenty first day of March 1821 Personally appeared in open Court, (being a Court of Record for the said County,) of Madison William Bragg aged Sixty Six years—resident in Madison County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he has served in the Revolutionary War—That he is the same person to whom the following Certificate was originally granted, of which the following is a true copy—

"WAR DEPARTMENT,/ REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS,

I CERTIFY, that in conformity with the Law of the United States of the 18th of March, 1818,

William Bragg late a private in the Army of the Revolution, is inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Georgia Agency, at the rate of Eight Dollars per month, to commence on the 17th day of May one thousand eight hundred and Nineteen

GIVEN at the War-Office of the United States, this 21st day of July one thousand eight hundred and Nineteen/ (SIGNED,) J. C. Calhoun. Secretary at War.”

And I, the said William Bragg doth further 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 persons 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. Sworn to and Declared, on the 21st day of March 1821 Before me,

Tho M. Dooly J.I.C.

William hisXmark Bragg

The applicant has no Property has no Family except a wife about sixty[?] years of age

William hisXmark Bragg

NOTE: On 27 June 1844 Ruthy Bragg, 84, applied for a pension stating that she married William Bragg in March 1778, and he died in 1834. With her application she submitted a paper on which her husband had recorded the dates of their children’s births, certified by George Bragg and transcribed with difficulty below. A document dated 5 May 1845 states that Ruthy Bragg died on 30 Nov 1844, and it lists her living children as follows: Joseph Bragg, Nancy Ballenger, George Bragg, Susannah Berryman, and Humphrey A. Bragg. Joseph Bragg, Nancy Ballenger, John Berryman, and Wilson P. Berryman certified the marriage of William and Ruthy Bragg.

AK ^a of George Bragg Wm. Bragg senior 1755

Was ^s born the ninth day of April 1779

and Died the twenty sixth Day of Septembe in the year of Lord 1787

William Bragg was born the twelvth Day April in the year of 1781

[?]lah Bragg was born fourth Day of November 1783

Joseph Bragg was Born the third Day of July in the year of 1786

Nancy meare[?] Settle[?] Bragg was born January the Eighteenth Day 1789

Jordanorthringo[?] Dozzer Bragg Was borne may the 24 1791

George Dozzer Bragg was Borne the tenth Day of march in the year 1793

Ruthey Bragg was born September 24th 1795

Susanna Bragg was born Eighteenth day of December in the year of 1797

Humphry A Bragg was born December the Thirtieth[?] Day 1802