

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonas Bradshaw W3932

Elizabeth fn33NC

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: On this 30 day of October personally appeared in the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County & State aforesaid Jonas Bradsha aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of May 1778 in he thinks the 4 North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle & Major Hall Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon, nicknamed "Hal"] in what was then called the nine months men their term of enlistment being for that period after they arrived at their place of rendezvous which was stated to be at Bladensburg in the State of Maryland. They assembled in Charlotte Mecklenburg County where he then lived early in May and by slow movements marched on to near the Virginia line detaining by the way for the Recruits from other Counties to join the Field officers on their march were Colonel William L Davidson – & William Polk then a Major when the whole assembled encamped in Caswell County at a place called Moons Creek where after some time the men became dissatisfied that their term of service had not yet commenced after some disputes on that subject & yet longer delay, it was proposed to the troops to take furloughs until sometime in the fall that whenever called upon their time should go on this deponent excepted the furlough came home to Mecklenburg about three months after he had left home say some time in the month of August 1778, and was again called into service on the 5th day of November following marched from Charlotte to the 10 mile House drew arms & from thence to Purisburg [sic, Purrysburg] on Savony River [sic, Savannah River] where General Lincoln commanded in the North Carolina Recruits were organized into 2 Regiments under Colonel Lytle & Armstrong the Brigade under General Sumner & this deponent & Company under Captain Gooden after the Battle at Brier Creek (sometime in March) said Company was transferred to a Regiment of light Infantry commanded by Colonel Malmedy (a Frenchman) & Major John Nelson of the North Carolina line did duty in said Major afterwards was twice detached with and under command of Count Pulaski was in said Regiment of Infantry in the Battle of Stono on the 20th day of June 1779 and in a skirmish with our own Cavalry near a church not far from Stono where by a mistake in the night thinking it was the Enemy charged upon us one man was killed and several

Horses that he fully served out his time and was discharged by Colonel Archibald Lytle.¹

He was born in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia in the year 1759 as his parents informed him but has no Record of his age, since the Revolutionary War he has lived in the County of Lincoln & State aforesaid.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jonas Bradsha, X his mark

General Joseph Graham² being duly sworn in open Court deposeth and saith that having carefully examined the foregoing Declaration of Janice Bradsha's services in the Revolutionary War this deponent having been in the same service and acting part of the time as Sergeant to the same Company in which Jonas Bradsha was a Soldier he affirms that every part of the Declaration is true.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test:

S/ J. Graham

S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

[Hartwell Spain, a clergyman, and Jacob Forney, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: on August 27, 1845 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Elizabeth Bradshaw, 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jonah Bradshaw, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$40 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married her husband, Jonas Bradshaw, sometime in the year 1782; that her husband died February 6 1840; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but was married to him prior to January 1, 1794.]

[fn p. 10: family record]

Pride Bradshaw son of Jonas Bradshaw & Elizabeth was born December ye 9th 1783

John Bradshaw was Born September ye 5th 1785

Susannah Bradshaw was born ye 10th of February 1787

Jonah Bradshaw was born the 8th of September 1789

Field Bradshaw was born ye 10th of June 1791

Charles Bradshaw was born February ye 23rd 1794

Larkin Bradshaw was born July ye 12th 1801

[fn p. 10: John Bradshaw testified that the above family record he believes to be accurate and he believes to be in the handwriting of John Haskins. He states that the family record has been in his possession ever since the death of Jonas Bradshaw. This testimony was given on August 27th, 1845 in Lincoln County North Carolina.]

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Personally appeared before me Daniel M Forney a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid, General Joseph Graham, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that although, this deponent has no papers or memorandums to assist his memory, yet he distinctly recollects that the Company in which the applicant Jonas Bradshaw served as a Soldier in what was at that time called the nine months men, marched from Charlotte

¹ Description of a 'friendly fire' incident sometime around the time of the Battle of Stono.

² [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

North Carolina, early in the month of May 1778 the day not now exactly recollected and these troops encamped some time near the Virginia line, when furloughs were proposed to the troops, which Jonas Bradshaw and most others accepted and returned to Charlotte, the date not distinctly remembered, but thinks about the middle of August in the year 1778, this tour was at least three months or upwards. If the pay rolls of that period are in the War Office it will appear with precision for about the 2nd day of November 1778, these troops were paid off up to that time by William Blount Esquire (since the first Territorial Governor of Tennessee and afterwards Senator in Congress) –

Jonas Bradshaw then marched from Charlotte on the 5th day of November 1778, with the troops as stated in his declaration and served faithfully until the 5th of August 1779, when his term of service of nine months was completed, at Bacons Bridge on Ashley River, about 20 miles from Charleston South Carolina – this deponent states that having acted as Sergeant in the Company to which Jonas Bradshaw belonged a part of the time and as Quarter Master Sergeant to the Regiment the balance of the time, he has a distinct recollection of Jonas Bradshaw's Services the whole time and further that to the recollection of this deponent, he does not know either in Lincoln or any of the adjoining Counties any person who served in said troops except himself and Jonas Bradshaw, who could establish further proof of the Services of said Bradshaw.

At least 3 months service from Charlotte to the Virginia line

9 months service from Charlotte in the South Carolina

12 months

S/ J. Graham

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 25th day of May 1833

S/ D. M. Forney, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]