

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel K. Bradford W4608 Jane Vermonnet (Vermonet) Blank [VA]
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State of Virginia } [16 Apr 1827]

County of Culpeper } Ss: I Samuel K Bradford of the State and County aforesaid and one of the heirs at law of Samuel K Bradford late of the County of Spotsylvania deceased do upon oath testify and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Samuel K Bradford was a Capt of Artillery of the Virginia Line of the Continental Army of the revolutionary War and served as such to the close of said War. Also I do further testify and declare that I have never received a warrant from the U. States for the quantity of Land due the said deceased from the U. States nor do I believe that he ever received it or transferred his right to it in any maner during his live. [Power of attorney follows.]

State of Virginia } S.S

County of Culpeper }

on this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the peace, and a Judge of a court of record, Jane Vermonette a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, and the act explanatory to said act, passed March 3^d 1837. That she was married to Samuel K. Bradford – who was a captain of Artillery in the Virginia Continental line, and Aid-de-Camp to General Weedon [George Weedon BLWt2418-850] for two or more years, and served as a captain, or Aid-de-Camp to the end of the war. She has no recollection of the battles in which said Samuel K. Bradford was engaged – nor has he any documentary evidence in support of the claim, But refers to the record evidence herewith presented.

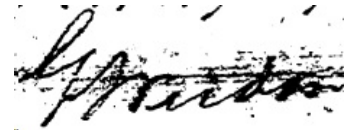
She further declares, that she was married to the said Samuel K. Bradford, in the month of May or June one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. That she left her Fathers house and was married without her parents consent, it being a runaway marriage. She has no knowledge of any record or register of her marriage or of the births of her children., That her Husband the aforesaid Major Samuel K. Bradford performed service after she was married, and died in seventeen hundred and ninety three That she afterwards married John Vermonette who died on the [blank] in the year 1815 and that she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836, and still remains a widow

Jane Vermonnet
formerly a widow of Samuel K Bradford

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

This may Certify that Capt. Sam'l. K. Bradford has served in the Virgn line of Continental Troops as first Lt. in the Artillery [several undeciphered words] of three Years

Given under my hand/ the 16th of Apl 1783
G Weedon B G



NB. A Certificate similar to this has been once offered, and was to have been presented to mr James Smith; Mr. Dawson [two undeciphered words] before he presents the present one whether Mr. Smith has ever done the [undeciphered word] GW

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with Branham, John.]

To The Governor of Virginia

The memorial of Samuel K Bradford, Sally C Gray [Sally Carter Gray], and Harriet Hunton respectfully states

That their father Captain Samuel K Bradford was an officer of the Va. Line from an early period of the Revolution until the close thereof.

In April 1783 about six months before the end of the war he rec'd 4000 acres of Land. Subsequently he received his Commutation Pay.

The memorialists are informed they are entitled to additional Land – see Comm'r Smiths [Commissioner John H. Smith] Report dated 10 Dec'r 1835 Document No. 6 page 79. By that report they are entitled for ten months additional service over 6 years. Your memorialists have understood he was in service much sooner and hope it may be made to appear satisfactorily to your Excellency and that an order may be made for all the land to which they are entitled

All of which is respectfully submitted/ by Thomas Green/ Atto for the memorialists.

filed May 20 1838

Rejected March 25 '40/ DC [Gov. David Campbell]

The certificate on which bounty land was formerly allowed shews him to have been a Lieut.

NOTES:

On 11 Oct 1843 M. C. Brooke, recalled the marriage of her sister, Jane Vermonette, as follows: “[T]he evening before her sister eloped with Major Bradford, her mother (Mrs Carter) and the family were eating strawberries, when an expression of happiness, was made by her mother in having her family around her, that night her sister Jane eloped, and married Major Bradford; the year I remember, because it was the same year, that Col. Tarleton of the British Army, made an excursion into Virginia.”

On 3 Aug 1843 William Jones, 93, of Wilderness in Orange County VA, (brother of Maj. Churchill Jones) gave the following account: “Major Samuel K. Bradford of the continental army eloped (with Miss Carter, the daughter of Edward Carter Esqr. deceased,) to Maryland just before the news reached Fedricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] of the approach of a detachment of Col'n. Tarlton Light-horse of the British Army. – A few days after, the couple left Fedricksburg for Maryland to be married. Mrs. Edward Carter the mother of Miss Carter, who with many others fled from Fedricksburg upon the intelligence of the alarm above alluded to, came to my house and communicated to my wife the circumstances of Major Bradford having eloped with her daughter, and left word for them when they came back from Maryland to follow her to Blenheim, Albemarl County [sic: Blenheim in Albemarle County], Virginia: wither she was going. Major Samuel K. Bradford and his wife (Miss Carter who was) arrived at my house a short time after Mrs. Carter left for Albemarl, They spent several days with my family, and cohabited as man and wife, and left together for Blenheim as requested by Mrs. Carter.”

The federal pension file includes the following item from the last will and testament of Edward Carter of Spotsylvania County, dated 21 Feb 1792: “I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Carter and Mr. Francis Thornton, four slaves, one male and three females, not under the age of ten, or over the age of thirty years, In Trust for the purpose of applying the profits of the said slaves, to the maintainance of my daughter Jane Bradford and her husband Major Samuel K. Bradford, and their children during the lives of my said daughter and Major Bradford, and the longest liver of them, & after their deaths, in trust to be equally divided among the children of my said daughter Jane by the said Samuel K. Bradford.”