

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George W. Bradley W48 Sally Bradley f35NC
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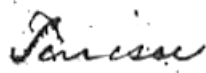
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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

On this 26th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting George Walton Bradley a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged Sixty Eight years who being first duly sworn according to law make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. The [sic, That] he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That where he resided it was the rule for all the male [sic, male] Inhabitants at the age of 16 to be entered on the Muster Roll that he arrived at that age in the Spring 1780 and became a volunteer under Capt. George Ledbetter in Rutherford County North Carolina sometime in the summer of the same year he was ordered out on a Tour against the British and Tories went in pursuit of them we came up with a party of them where we encamped on or near Pacolet River in South Carolina sometime in the night they made an attack upon us and killed several of us in the morning they was pursued by all the horsemen and overtaken and took some prisoners we rendezvoused in the neighborhood of that place for some time and returned home on this Tour we had no Regulation only the Orders of Col. Hampton [probably Col. Andrew Hampton] or Col. ~~William~~ McDowell [probably Col. Charles McDowell].¹ This was a short Tour perhaps no more than one month when we returned home we was placed under other Regulations I was then Drafted for 3 months under Capt. George Ledbetter and ordered on to meet the Different Drafts at Col. Hampton's all in the same County whilst at that place the Indians Broke in upon the frontier Settlements and murdered several persons excited considerable Alarm and we was ordered back again to the lines where we was kept until our Term of three months expired we was very thinly settled where I then Resided I Returned home I was then placed under Capt. McClain [John McClain] for three months we was kept on the lines to guard from the head of the Catawba [River] to the head of the Saluda [River] a Range of Mountains more than 100 miles in length this was a hard service we was kept in continual motion During the three months after our Term we returned home had but a short Respite I was then a Volunteer under the same Capt. Col. McDowell was the commander we was ordered out against the Indians we was as far out as little Tenisee [sic, Tennessee?]² River at the Cowetau [Coweta?] Town. This was a hard Service I do

¹ veteran appears to be describing the action at Earle's Ford on July 15, 1780



not know how long I was out but we performed the Service allotted and all returned home Soon after my Returned Capt. McDaniel [John McDaniel] call'd for volunteers for 3 months to take another Tour to the Indian Nation under the Order of Col. James Miller Col. Herndon under the command of General Charles McDowell we made a considerable Excursion in the Cherokee Nation this Order was for 3 months in fact from the time I entered the Service in the year 1780 to the end of the late war I was in the Service of the Country we was held in Readiness to pursue the Indians or Tories at the call of our Officers we was at all times Ready and went when Called on [sic, and] which was often. I have no Discharge we never obtained any we generally Returned home under the same captains that we went under and I did not keep the different Months that I served I fought in the Defense of the United States and Suffered much but gained what we was in pursuit of but now call on the public to repay me for this Service I have rendered.

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state

Question by the Court/ Where and in what year were you born?

Answer/ -- I was born in Warren County North Carolina in the year 1764

Question/ Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer/ -- I have it in the family Register taken from my Father's Register at my home house

Question/ Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer/ -- I was living in Tryon now Rutherford County North Carolina when called into Service where I have resided ever since in the same neighborhood.

Question/ How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer/ -- When I became to the age of 16 years I was entered on the Muster Rolls we was Classed and owing to the thinness of the Settlement where I lived all the Liberty man was called into Actual Service not that we was always out but Ready to every alarm I was sometimes drafted but I have not any Recollection for what Cause for I was at all times Ready and in my place and done much service as a volunteer and an Indian Spy

Question/ State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer/ -- I do not think we ever joined the Main Army all the officers that I Recollect was these Militia Officers (Viz) General Charles McDowell, Col. Joseph McDowell -- Col. Hampton & Col. James Miller & Col. Richard Singleton

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

[No answer to the above question is recorded]

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George W. Bradley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George W. Bradley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ George W. Bradley".

[John H. Alley and Henry Elliott gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County Georgia Walton Bradley and after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that by Reason of Old Age and Consequent loss of memory he cannot Swear positively to the precise length of Service but according to the best of his Recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following Grades

1780: volunteer under Capt. George Ledbetter	1 month
1780: Drafted under the same Capt.	3 do
1781: Drafted under Capt. McClain	3 do
1781: Volunteer under same Capt.	1 do
1782: Volunteer under Capt. McDaniel	<u>3 do</u>
	11 Months

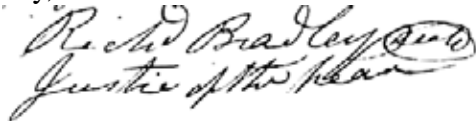
Eleven Months I served as above stated in the Revolutionary War and for such service I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of July 1833

S/ Martin Beam, JP

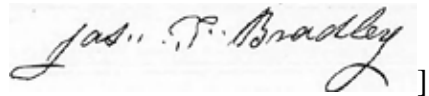
S/ George W Bradley

[Alfred Webb, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On March 4, 1845, in White County, Tennessee, Sally Bradley, 76, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Walton Bradley, a pensioner for his revolutionary war services at the rate of \$36.66 per annum; that she married him January 12th 1791 in Rutherford County North Carolina; that they were married by Timothy Riggs, Esquire; and that her husband died April 5 1835. She signed her application with her mark. Richard Bradly, JP, attested the widow's execution of the application. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.

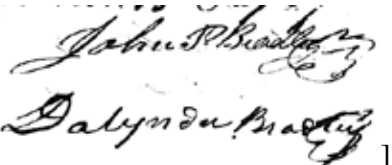


Also, James T Bradley gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and knows that he was a pensioner at the rate of \$36.66 per annum. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow also is not stated.



[p 12, marriage bond license dated January 12, 1791, given in Rutherford County, NC, by Walton Bradley and John Goodbread to secure the marriage of Bradley to Sarah Goodbread.]

[p 31: On August 13, 1849 in White County Tennessee, John P Bradley and Dalynder Bradley gave testimony that they were well acquainted with Walton Bradley; that he died in a Rutherford County North Carolina April 5, 1835; that they are also well acquainted with Sally Bradley the widow of Walton Bradley and that she continues to be his widow. Their relationship, if any to the widow and/or the veteran is not stated.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]