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Pension Application of Claibourn (Claburn) Bradshaw W8394

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State of Kentucky } Sgt.

Mercer County }

This day Claybourn Bradshaw a Revolutionary Soldier personally appeared in Open Court, (It being a Court of record) For the purpose of obtaining a pension under the late Act of Congress approved June the 7th 1832, and made Oath that in the year 1776 he enlisted as a private for Two years under Captain Samuel Woodson then at Goochland Courthouse in the state of Virginia and joined Colonel Matthews [sic: George Mathews] Rigiment It being the 9th Virginia Regement and marched to the eastern shores of Va., where we staid some time, from thence we marched to the Eastward and joined the main Continental army at Middlebrook [NJ] under the command of General George Washington, from thence we marched through Morrirston [sic: Morristown NJ] to white plaines [sic: White Plains NY] where we were stationed for some time. He states that he was in the Battle of Brandywine which was fought in the month of September [11th] 1777 and that of Germantown on the 4th day of October of the same year where his whole Regement was either killed or taken prisoners, in this Battle Col. Mathews was wounded. He farther states that he was taken from the Battle ground as a prisoner and marched to Philladilphia [sic: Philadelphia] and confined as a prisoner in close jails in what was called the new prison or jail, for eight months and twelve days, from thence was brought to Germantown and exchanged in the market house in year 1778 from thence he went to the Valley forge where he obtained an honorable discharge after having served Two years and four months in active service in the Army of the Revolution except the eight months & Twelve days that he was confined in the new prison or jail at Philladilphia

He states that he is now in the 73rd year of his age, And that he has not been, neither is he now a pensioner of the United States and do hereby release all other claims to a pension

Witness my hand & seal this 9th day of July AD 1832 [signed] Claibourn Bradshaw
[George Robards (pension application S31339) and Edward Houchins (W11318) certified that they had known Bradshaw in the service.]

NOTE:

On 23 Mar 1843 Elizabeth Bradshaw, nearly 81, applied for a pension stating that she married Claibourn Bradshaw in 1781, and he died on 3 May 1842. On 28 Sep 1843 she was said to be over 81. Elizabeth Bradshaw's declaration was supported by Edward Houchins, who stated that he "was raised children with" Claibourn Bradshaw and Elizabeth Bradshaw and had attended their wedding. His wife, Nancy Houchins, stated that she was the sister of Elizabeth Bradshaw, that she had been present at the wedding of Claibourn Bradshaw and Elizabeth Clemments in 1780, and that the wedding was performed by Parson Douglas. She stated that on the same day Douglas married William Bowman and Mary Cosby (pension application R1080). Parson Douglas was William Douglas, who kept a celebrated record of marriages and baptisms (*The Douglas Register : Being a Detailed Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths Together with Other Interesting Notes, as Kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750-1797*. Richmond VA.: J. W. Fergusson & Sons, 1928). *The Douglas Register* shows that Clayburn Bradshaw and Eliz. Clements, as well as Will Bowman and Mary Cosby, all of Goochland County, were married on 28 Dec 1779.

The declaration of Elizabeth Bradshaw was also certified by John Bradshaw and by her daughter, Barshaba Bradshaw, who stated that she lived in the same house as Elizabeth Bradshaw. Barshaba Bradshaw also certified that a page from the family record transcribed below was in the handwriting of her father. On the opposite side of the page is a selection from the *Proceedings, &c. in the last Session of Parliament* dated 1735.

Salley the Daughter of Claburn Bradshaw & Elizabeth His wife was Born the 24th day October 1782
John Herver[?] the Sun of Claburn Bradshaw and Elizabeth was Born [ends here]