

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Benjamin Bradshaw W894

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State of Tennessee }

Jefferson County }

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of our court of Pleas and quarter sessions of Jefferson County & State aforesaid Benjamin Bradshaw aged seventy seven 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1776 or 1777 not certain which he was drafted in Fluvanna County in the state of Virginia was enrolled in Capt Napiers Company commanded by Col Earnest & Gen'l [Thomas] Nelson, was marched to Richmond, where he drew his arms, from thence he was marched to Williamsburgh where he was stationed, & kept in service untill his term of service expired was in service three months, and was honorably discharge, received a discharge which he has mislaid or lost

In the year 1777 [sic: see endnote] He was again drafted enrolled in Capt Daniel Telmons [sic: Daniel Tilman's] Company was commanded by Col. [Francis] Taylor, rendezvoused at Charlottsville [sic: Charlottesville] in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia, thence he was marched to the Albemarle Barracks where he was stationed & kept in service guarding Burgoyne and his men – remained in service four months, was then discharged – received a discharge which he has lost

On the 1 Day of March 1781 He was again drafted in Fluvanna County in the State of Virginia enrolled in Capt Telmons Comp. Commanded by Col Earnest & Gen'l Nelson was then marched to Richmond where he was stationed for some time, from thence he was marched to a large swamp then called the Chickene Swamp – was in pursuit of [Gen. Benedict] Arnold, was marched back to the 4 Mile Creek below Richmond [Fourmile Creek in Henrico County] where he was discharged on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of June 1781. was in service three months, his discharge he has lost.

On the 15 day of August 1781 as he beleives and as well as he recollects He was again drafted enrolled in Capt Joseph Hatons [sic: Joseph Haden's] Company was commanded by Col Earness & Gen'l. Weeden [sic: George Weedon], rendezvoused at Fluvanna Court House in the State of Virginia from thence he was marched to Gloucester County where he was stationed at the time Cornwallis was taken [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] – and at that place he was discharged on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October of the same year having been in service for two months, received a discharge which he has lost

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state. [signed] Benj Bradshaw

The following interrogatories were propounded to the applicant by the court

1 Where & in what year were you born

Answer. In Albemarle County in the State of Virginia in the year 1757 [see endnote].

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer I have at home in my Bible a record of my age

3. Where were you living when called into service where have your lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live.

Answer when I was called into service I lived in Fluvanna County in the State of Virginia, after the Revolutionary war was over I removed to Montgomery County Virginia, from thence he removed to Jefferson County Tennessee where he now lives.

4. How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and

if a substitute for whom

Answer I was drafted every tour of duty that I served.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer. In my first tour of service my officers names was Capt Richard Napier Col Earness & Gen'l. Nelson. In my second service Capt Daniel Tilman & Col. Taylor In my third service Capt Daniel Tilmon Col Earness Genl Nelson. In my last service Capt Joseph Haton Col. Earnes & Gen'l. Weeden

- 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given

Answer I received discharges from my officers for my services, but do not recollect wether they were signed by my capts or colonels

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution

Answer. I can prove my character for veracity and also their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution by Richard Thornburgh esquire and the Rev'd. Augusta Bowers.

[signed] Benj. Bradshaw

#### NOTES:

The Albemarle Barracks were not completed, and prisoners did not arrive until Jan 1779. The prisoners were troops of Gen. John Burgoyne who had been captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777, but Burgoyne himself was released on parole.

On 29 July 1843 Fanny Bradshaw, 74, applied for a pension stating that her maiden name was Fanny Milton, that she was born and raised in Fluvanna County, and that she was married to Benjamin Bradshaw on 22 Jan 1788 by Phillip Webber, a protestant preacher who lived in Goochland County. She stated that Benjamin Bradshaw died on 12 Jan 1841. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 21 Jan 1788 by Benjamin Bradshaw and William Bradshaw for the marriage of the former to Fanny Melton. Larner Bradshaw, 44, certified that an arrearage of pension had been drawn by Fanny Bradshaw's attorney, Pearce W. Bradshaw, and that the family record transcribed below was from the Bible of Benjamin Bradshaw. It was certified that Fanny Bradshaw could not attend court, because she was in bad health and lived 14 miles distant.

Benjamin Bradshaw was born May 28<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1758  
was Married to Fanny melton January the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1787  
Nancy Bradshaw Born January the 28<sup>th</sup> 1788  
Mary Bradshaw born may the 1<sup>st</sup> 1791  
Betsy Bradshaw Born December 9<sup>th</sup> 1793  
Patsy Bradshaw was born January the 8<sup>th</sup> 1795  
Larner Bradshaw was born march the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1799  
Pierce W. Bradshaw was born July the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1803  
Alfred B. Sparks was born Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1817  
Daniel C. Martin was born September 28<sup>th</sup> 1818  
George Clevenger departed this life Oct' r. 14<sup>th</sup> 1837  
Polly Denniston Departed this life August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1820