

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Bradley W896

Catharine

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District of West Tennessee Nashville

This may certify that Richard Bradley a citizen of the State of Tennessee, residing in the County of Sumner, came before me on the 3rd day of April 1822 and made the following declaration upon oath, with the view of obtaining a pension for his services as a Continental soldier in the War of the Revolution, and after being duly sworn, upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God declared, that he enlisted as a Continental soldier on the 9th day of August 1777 in the North Carolina Continental line under the command of Captain Henry Dawson in the 7th Regiment in the latter end of the same year he with several others were marched to the northward and joined the Army when they were in winter Quarters at the Valley Forge, and was there turned into the 1st North Carolina Regiment under the command of Captain James Reed, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark, that they marched from the Valley Forge in pursuit of the British until the battle of Monmouth in which he was, some time after they took up winter Quarters at Paramus Court house, they marched from thence to West Point on Hudson River, from thence they were ordered to South Carolina for the relief of Charleston – and that he was in that siege and that there they were all captured on the 12th of May 1780 and that he remained a prisoner with the British two years and three months and made his escape from them and joined General Greene at Ashley Hall about twenty miles above Charles Town and there he got his discharge in the Fall of the year 1782, that his discharge was sent to the Secretary of State's office of North Carolina, to obtain his land grant and he does not know where it is now, unless it may be in that office. This deponent further maketh oath that he hath no property of any value, to make schedule love, he is confident that all he owns in this world besides his wearing apparel is not worth \$10, he further maketh oath that he has not conveyed sold or otherwise disposed of any of his property to anyone with a design of thereby obtaining a pension and that he is totally dependent on others for his livelihood and support, that he is almost totally blind, not being able to discern more than day from night and prays his country & Government to give him some aid.

Sworn to before me the date above

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Rich'd Bradley, X his mark

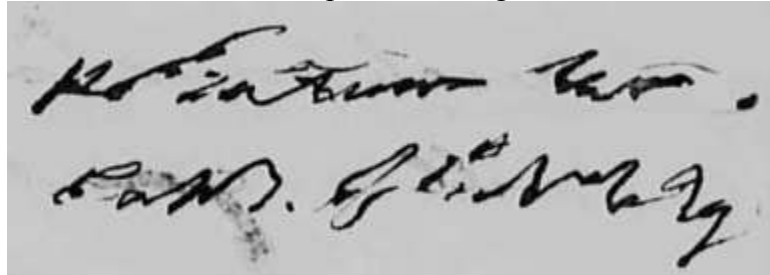
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in camp on the 10th day of April 1822 Major Howell Tatum, formerly a Captain in the

Army of the revolutionary war, in the 1st North Carolina Regiment, came before may and made oath that he knew the applicant, Richard Bradley, from the 1st of the 1778 until he was captured by the British at Charles town in South Carolina, that he was a soldier in the revolutionary war, that he behaved well as a soldier, that he was a Sergeant the whole time he knew him.

Sworn & subscribed

S/ H. Tatum Snr<sup>1</sup>  
Capt ? 1<sup>st</sup> NC Rg ?

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which is difficult to read. The signature appears to be "Howell Tatum Sr." written on a document.

It will be seen that the signature Howell Tatum is not legible, the old man is perfectly of sound mind, but is weak and his hand shakes, would not consent that his name should be written for him.

S/ John McNairy

[fn p. 8: On October 14 1837 in Sumner County Tennessee, Catharine Bradley, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Bradley; that she married him July 24, 1783; that her husband died August 20, 1827; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 9: On October 14, 1837 in Sumner County Tennessee, Mary Bradley, 85, testify that she was well acquainted with Richard Bradley and Catharine Taylor before and after their marriage; that she saw them married in Duplin County North Carolina on, to the best of her recollection, July 24, 1783.]

[fn p. 13: On February 7, 1853 in Sumner County Tennessee, Abraham Bradley filed a claim on behalf of of himself and the rest of the heirs of Catharine Bradley their mother and Richard Bradley their father; that "declarant further states that his father as is fully proved in his mother's application for a pension after his return from the regular service enlisted as a volunteer in the service of the United States and served a 3 months tour after his intermarriage with their Mother which took place on or about the 24th of July 1783 and the Service as a volunteer took place commencing within a month after that Period. This Declarant recollects often hearing his father relate the circumstances of this 3 month tour as a volunteer. He was stationed at Wilmington a part of the time, marched through several counties in North Carolina and during his 3 months service was engaged in a skirmish or battle with the Tories and took some prisoners, shot one of them and then some of the Company preached his funeral in derision [?] taking his text "The dust shall return to dust" His father was present and witnessed this singular circumstance in warfare and showing the ferocity of times during the Revolution."]

[facts in the file: in 1854, the surviving children of the veteran and his widow were Abraham and David Bradley of Sumner County Tennessee and Isaac Bradley (residence not disclosed); the veteran's brother John Bradley, served with him in 1783 a tour against the Tories; the widow had

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<sup>1</sup> [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

a brother Jacob Taylor who in 1837 was living in Davidson County Tennessee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 3rd, 1822, for 3 years service as a Sergeant and private in the North Carolina Continental line.]