

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Bradford BLWt2055-200

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District of Columbia } SS.

Washington county }

Personally appeared before me Nicholas B. Vansandt, a justice of the Peace for the said county, Charles Allen, who being legally sworn states that he has always understood and believes, that about the year 1777 Charles Bradford (who was brother to his mother) enlisted for & during the war, in the Virginia Continental line, in the county of Culpeper, in that state, that sometime after he received a subaltern appointment, which he held to the close of the war – about November 1781 and Charles Bradford made a short visit to his relatives in Virginia – he was then dressed in the uniform of a staff officer, and bore the title of major – this deponent understood he was sometime after married to a daughter of Col. Heath [sic: William Heth], living in what was then called the Mononghala [sic: Monongahela] country, where said Bradford settled and continued to reside until his death – having in the time once or twice visited Virginia to settle his accounts as an officer. He left four children all of whom are dead – his daughter Julia, who married John Finley, only leaving issue, to wit, one son (Henry Heath Finley) & one daughter (Julia Ann Finley.) The frequent intercourse of this deponent with his relations, many of whom reside in the western country, leaves no doubt on his mind that although he is not personally knowing to all the circumstances stated above, he believes the facts set forth are all true. He further testifies that several of his relations and acquaintances were in service in the Revolution, and he never heard from them or in any other manner that there was another Charles Bradford in the army from Virginia or elsewhere, as a Lieutenant or of any other grade, and he does believe that the Charles Bradford above named was the one who served in the Virginia Continental line, and that his grand children before named are the only heirs at law of Charles Bradford, who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line. In testimony whereof said Charles Allen hath hereunto set his hand this 29th of May 1834 Charles Allen

State of Pennsylvania }

County of Washington } [12 July 1834]

We Henry Heath Finley and Julia Ann Finley, the only heirs at law of Charles Bradford, do upon oath testify and declare, to the best of our knowledge and belief that Charles Bradford, our grandfather was a Lieutenant in the Continental army, in which character he was entitled to bounty land for serving to the end of the war: we declare we have never received a warrant for said bounty land promised to him on the part of the United States; nor have we any reason to believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore... [power of attorney to T. G. Bradford, who is said to have been acquainted with the family of Charles Bradford]

[illegible word] 4 August 1838

Register of Bounty Land off

Sir I wish you to inform me if Charles Bradford A Lieutenant of the virginia line of the revolutionary army was not entiteled to 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres of Land from the state of virginia And 300 more from the united states, we have received as the heirs 200 Acres, and am told, we are entitled to 100 more to make out the quantity, if drawn give me the name of the drawer, and by what authority, I am informed the pay from the united states bounty is 300 if it is only 200 let me know the fact, Also his son was A first sergent in the Late war let me know how mutch Land he was entitled to his name was Charles A. H. Bradford was wounded at fort mages [sic: Fort Meigs] and Died on the 26 sept 1813 inform me how mutch Land and where it layes and if ever any part of it was received Fielden Bradford his

brother as I am informed, recevd his money due him but his land has never been received by any person legaly authorised

If I am under any mistake in enquiring at this office you will confer a favour by sending this to the proper place Directing the, to answer me D Barr

John Day of the Late war was a soldier let me know whether he ever received his land and where it was drawn

Dave Barr

NOTE:

Another document states that Charles Bradford died in Washington County about 1794.

Henry R. Finley and David Barr, acting as attorney for his wife, Elizabeth Julia Ann Finley, were defendants in a lawsuit involving the receipt of the bounty land.

<http://openjurist.org/37/us/264/james-galloway-junior-v-henry-r-finley>