

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bradley (Bradly) W8399 Aspasia fn96NC
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State of South Carolina Greenville District: In open Court

On this the 23rd day of March 1850 personally appeared in open court before John Watson, Judge of the court of ordinary for Greenville District South Carolina, now sitting, Aspasia Bradley widow of William Bradley deceased a resident of the district of Greenville & State of South Carolina, aged ninety-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress "granting pensions to certain widows" – That she is the widow of William Bradley deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War under the command of Major Carruth, Colonel Morgan & other officers. He lived in North Carolina, on Broad River, where Big Buffalo Creek empties into the River, now a part of Rutherford County when he entered the service of the United States. The year he entered the Army this deponent cannot state, but to the best of her recollection it was towards the first of the war in the southern states & he served several tours & continued in the service some two or three years. He [was] wounded in the battle of Kings Mountain in the right arm & never afterwards was able to return to the service. This deponent resides in the same neighborhood with her husband before they were married but she does not remember distinctly his services – she knows that on one tour he came over into South Carolina against the Cherokee Indians – William Bradley always went out as a volunteer in all the service he performed. This deponent does not remember that he ever had any documentary evidence of his services. She does not now know of any person by whom she can prove her husband's services.

This applicant further declares that she was born about the year 1755, as she was eighteen years old when she was married she well remembers that she was married the year peace was made with Great Britain in the year 1783. Her husband William Bradley died about forty years since and June 1810. He was killed by the running away of his team of horses returning from market – that she was not married to him until he had left the service in consequence of his wounds at the battle of Kings Mountain – but she was married the year peace was made which was long previous to January 1794 – she further swears that she is now a widow, & that she has never before made application for a pension & has never married since the death of her husband William Bradley. She remembers that her first child was born two years after her marriage in 1785. Her husband was five or six years older than herself or perhaps 7 more – she has no record of their ages. They were married in Rutherford County North Carolina by a Baptist

clergyman named Logan. They continued to live their own Broad River until they moved to Greenville District South Carolina where her husband died as above stated.

She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. Watson, Judge

S/ Aspasia Bradley, X her mark

[Jesse Center, a clergyman and William Gosset gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: in her bounty land application, the widow stated that her name before her marriage was Aspasia Sprigg]

[fn p. 46]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears from a book of settlements of the accounts of the officers and soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Bradley was allowed by a board of commissioners at Warrington in 1786, the sum of 97 pounds 9 shillings & 5 pence for his services as a Soldier in said line, which was drawn by John Garland, Junior.

Given under my hand this 5th day of March 1850

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 56]

South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came before me the subscribing magistrate in and for the District of Greenville William Gossett¹ a revolutionary soldier and being duly sworn makes oath, that while serving in the war of the Revolution he saw William Bradley of North Carolina who was also at the same time a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and that he was the husband of Mrs. Aspasia Bradley who is now making application for a Pension from Greenville District South Carolina. This deponent served with the said William Bradley at the Read House in North Carolina in guarding the Magazine & public stores for the Army. He knows that the said William Bradley was some time in the service of his country during the Revolution but he cannot state the different tours of service & the length of time served. This deponent knew William Bradley after he moved to Greenville North Carolina & they frequently spoke of their service to each other.

Sworn to & subscribed before me November 16th, 1850

S/ H. Good, M. G. D.

S/ William Gossett, X his mark

[fn p. 67]

South Carolina Greenville district: Personally came before me the subscribing magistrate, Daniel Bailey,² and being duly sworn makes oath that he knew Mr. William Bradley during the revolutionary war, and was with him, in the Battle of Kings Mountain. Mr. Bradley was wounded in the arm during the engagement. This deponent was near him at the time, & remember seeing him after the battle was over. The blood was clotted in the shirtsleeve & was cut off and took out. The wound was a bad one & Mr. Bradley had to quit the service.

This deponent further states that he knows & understands from the information of others,

¹ FPA S6905

² [Daniel Bailey \(Baley\) R369](#)

at the time, that Mr. William Bradley was for a considerable period of time in the American service before he was wounded at Kings Mountain. Bradley then lived in Rutherford County North Carolina, where he was married to Aspasia Spriggs about the close of the war. This deponent knew Bradley for many years after his removal to South Carolina & they have frequently conversed about the scenes of the Revolution, & the Battle of Kings Mountain. Mr. Bradley died many years ago & left a widow Aspasia Bradley & a number of children. Some of his children are upwards of 60 years old, or nearly 70 – His widow is still living & this deponent understands is making application for a Pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this May 5, 1850

S/ M. C. Dickey, M. G. D.

S/ Daniel Bailey, X his mark

[fn p. 74: In Cleveland County North Carolina, on September 16, 1851, Abednego Adams, 82, gave testimony that he and his father moved from Virginia to Rutherford County at the time of the revolution about the year 1781, that the British Army under Lord Cornwallis camped within half a mile of his father's house; that he became acquainted with William Bradley who came home from the service and came to his brother-in-law's who lived in the same neighborhood with deponent's father; that he heard Bradley say that he was in the battle at Kings mountain and got a wound in his arm; that he saw the said 1 before it was well-healed.]

[fn p. 76: In Cleveland County North Carolina, on October 2, 1851, Abner Camp, 78, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Bradley from his earliest recollection; that he remembers the British Army camping near his father's house a few days before the battle at Kings Mountain; that his father lived only some 7 or 8 miles from the battleground and he recalls hearing the firing during the battle; he well remembers that William Bradley came to his father's house after the battle to get his father Joseph Camp to examine and dress the wound he had received in the battle at Kings Mountain; that his father Joseph Camp was a doctor, he did examine and dressed the wound; that his father Joseph Was also a Baptist Minister and that he well remembers his father married the said William Bradley and Miss Aspasia Spriggs; that the veteran and his wife were married some 8 years and had 2 or 3 children before they moved to South Carolina; that the veteran and his wife were married before the affiant got married; that the affiant got married on July 15 1795.]

[fn p. 88, Ambrose Williams testified that Elizabeth and Susan Bradley, children of the veteran and his wife, were playmates with his wife who was born in 1783.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for the services of her husband in the revolution.]