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Pension Application of William Bradley X88

VA

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[The file jacket for the federal pension application is inscribed "Dis." (Disability) and "No papers." X88 is a file number formerly assigned by HeritageQuest. In response to a query regarding a soldier by this name from Rockbridge County VA, the pension office replied as follows: "In the report of the Secretary of War in relation to the pension establishment of the United States, printed in 1835, on the list of Invalid pensioners residing in Rockbridge County, Virginia, appears William Bradley, sergeant in the Seventh Virginia Regiment, who was allowed \$60.00 per annum from June 13, 1786 under the Act of June 7, 1785, increased to \$96.00 per annum under the Act of April 24, 1816. He died February 5, 1819."]

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Bradkey, William.]

I do Certify that Serj't William Bradley only rec'd his pay up to ye first of Dec'r 1779 when he marched from the Northward with the three Divisions of Virginians to Charles Town South Carolina

Feby 7th 81

Thos Posey Maj. [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450]

I do Certify that the above Wm. Bradley was enlisted in feby 76

I Certify that Wm. Bradley a Serjt in the Virginia Line of the continental Troops was wounded & made Prisoner at the Defeat of my Regimt at Waxaws 29th May 1780 Given under my hand at Richmond Nov'r

7th 1783

A. Buford [Abraham Buford S46372]

The Bearer Sergeant William Bradley having reinlisted the 10th Day of December 1777 to serve the term of three years in the 5th Regiment of Virginia Continental Troops was intitled to his Discharge the tenth Day of December 1780. The s'd. Bradley is hearby Discharg'd Given under my hand Richmond Nov'r.

8th 1783

A. Buford Col.

A Copy

[?] Randolph

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J. L. pendleton

The above Wm. Bradley was wounded at the Defeat of Colo. Buford at the Waxsaws [sic: Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]

James Wood. Late B. G.

[The following in margin]

Dr. Foushee [William Foushee R14223] will be pleased to examine the wounds of the Bearer and report on State of them to the Executive

James Wood.

on the Examination of the Bearer find he has several wounds, said to have been got in Public Service, on His Head Several Cuts two of which appear to have injured the Skull in some degree & it is not improbable may at particular times affect the Brain, which he says is the case; a number of wounds on the left Hand which with the loss of a finger & a severe cut on the wrist have rendered that Hand considerably imperfect; added to these, a fracture of a Rib on the right side w'ch. having never been perfectly replaced may (as complained of) be really hurtfull – am of opinion that an allowance ought to be made as

Considerable Injury has certainly arisen & consequent inability to Labour

[?] Foushee

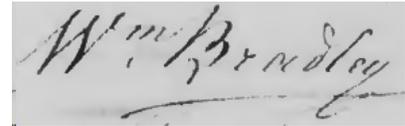
Allowed 18£ pr annum from 1st Jan'y 1786 J Wood.

I DO, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that William Bradley of Rockbridge, about 36 years of age – late a Serjeant in the 7th Virginia Regiment, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of The United States as to entitle him to the sum of Eighteen Pounds yearly; which allowance is according made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786

GIVEN under my hand at Richmond, this 13th day of June 1786. P. Henry [Gov. Patrick Henry]

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Rockbridge County]

To the Honorable the Legislature of Virginia. The Petition of William Bradley of the County of Rockbridge respectfully sheweth. That in his Youth he entered into the army of the united states & became a Sergeant in the seventh Virginia Regiment. That in the unfortunate action wherein Colo. Abraham Buford was defeated in the State of South Carolina he received thirteen wounds. His Country has not been unmindful of the sufferings of your Petitioner, but some years since granted him a pension of Sixty dollars pr. annum. Your Petitioner being now sixty six years of age, having the charge of a family, and his infirmities increasing from age & the effects of his wounds, finds the pension granted him by the justice of his country inadequate to his support. He therefore humbly prays such a moderate increase of his pension as the Legislature may think reasonable. Your petitioner flatters himself that an enquiry into his character & conduct will not lessen the disposition of the Legislature to extend to him the bounty which he solicits.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Bradley". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

We the subscribers from the information & knowledge we have of the good character of the Petitioner think it just and reasonable that his petition should be granted [49 signatures]

Dec'r 11th 1815 ref'd to Claims

Reasonable Dec'r 13th

Bill drawn 19th