

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bradford S39240

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County of Sumner Ss.

On this 11th day of February 1828 personally appeared in open Court in the County Court of Sumner It being a court of record William Bradford resident in said County, aged sixty eight years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March, 1818, and the first of May, 1820; that he the said William Bradford enlisted for the term of three years on the 27th day of August in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt John Chilton in the regiment commanded by Coul. Thomas Marshall in the line of the state of Virginia on the third regiment continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of said Term when he was discharged from the service in Forquar [sic: Fauquier] County in the state of Virginia; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state, except the state of Tennessee; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that he is a Tailor by trade and by his labour has madout to support his family until about Ten years ago. from that time up to the present he has made out to live by his own exertions in part and the assistance of his sons, in part

and in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than is produced by my personal labour, that, since the 18th of March 1818, no changes have been made in my property. [signed] William Bradford

For the purpose of Obtaining the benefits of an act entitled an act for the relief of Certain Surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution Approved on the 15th of May 1828.

I William Bradford of the County of Sumner in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the revolution for & during the term of three years in August one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven & continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private soldier in Captain John Chiltons Company in the third regiment of the Virginia line Commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall. And I further declare that I was on the pension list on the 15th May 1828 of the United States but have not received as yet one cent thereof Witness my hand this 28th day of August AD. 1828. [signed] William Bradford

[Certified by Priestly Bradford and John T. Dismukes.]

NOTE: In a letter dated 20 May 1845 D. M. Bradford of Huntsville AL stated that his father, William Bradford, had died about 13 years previously, and that his widow was still living in Tennessee.