Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Austin (Augustine) Bradley W5867 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia } Culpeper County } SS.

On the 10th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me William Walden a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid, Austin Bradley aged eighty five years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he was drafted in the Militia service in the company commanded by Captain [Thomas] Conn; from the County of Culpeper state of Virginia, and was marched to the barracks in Albemarle County, and was orderly Sergeant to said Company, the month and year not remembered, and served his tour as a guard to the prisoners stationed there, which was for three months, after the expiration of which, received his discharge and returned home. That he was again drafted for a three months tour in the Militia from the County of Culpeper, as an Orderly Sergeant in the Company commanded by Capt. Francis Nalle, and marched from said County to the Malbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] below Richmond, Virginia, and was stationed there during the tour, for which he was drafted, that he does not recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment to which he was attached that Genl. Edward Stevens was commander of the troops stationed there, that he does not recollect, the month or year that he entered the service for this tour – that after the expiration of the tour for three months, he was discharged from the service and returned home. That he was in the service at several other times for short periods, and that he served in all upwards of six months, and during the whole of his service, he was an orderly Sergeant - that he was born and raised in Culpeper County, and has so continued to reside where raised (now Madison County) to the present time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

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NOTES:

Since the duties of an Orderly Sergeant included writing each day's orders into an orderly book, it is expected that Bradley would have signed his full name if physically able.

Thomas Thornhill (pension application S46518) stated that he had served in the same company with Bradley at Albemarle Barracks, and Daniel Triplett (pension application W6308) stated that he had served in the same regiment with Bradley at Malvern Hill.

The file contains a Lieutenant's commission to "Austin Bradley Gent" of the Culpeper County Militia to take effect on 17 April 1787, as well as a Captain's commission to "Augustin Bradley Gent" in the Culpeper County Militia to take effect in April 1789.

On 10 Dec 1838 Franky Bradley, 72, of Rappahannock County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married Augustine Bradley on 13 Nov 1788, and he died 15 Dec 1832. A letter in the file certifies that Augustin Bradley married Frankey Hurt. Another document certifies that Augustine Bradley died in Rappahannock County, leaving Frances Bradley his widow.