

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Bradford: S6716

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State North Carolina} S.S. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Cabarrus County} April Term 1833

On this 16 day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said Court now sitting James Bradford a resident of the county and State aforesaid aged 71 years who being first duly 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

The deponent sayeth that he resided in that part of Mecklenburg County that is now called Cabarrus. that in the year 1779 in February he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain James Barr and Col. Alexander in an expedition against the Tories said to be collected at Moses Moores[?] S. C. and served five weeks and was dismissed there returned home. he further states that in March 1780 he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Stephen Alexander & Colo. Phifer and served under said officers five weeks and immediately at the end of the five weeks was drafted for a three months tour and served the three months under Capt. Samuel Givens and Joined General [Griffith] Rutherford army at the battle ground of Ramseur [or Ramsour's Mill in present Lincoln County] the second day after said battle of Ramseurs was fought [20 June 1780] and march from thence to Salisbury N.C. from thence march down the Yadkin River to Carelston[?] Ferry on said River, then crossed the said River over to the East side march down said River opposite to a small village now called Cheraw. there recrossed said River to the south side and march toward Camden S.C. and in a few days fell in with General [Horatio] Gates army and marched on with Gen'l. Gates army towards Camden untill we came within a few miles of Camden, where we met the British at a small creek called Gum swamp where both armies engaged and the Americans was defeated. the battle is called Gates defeat [now Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. I was in said battle. my Capt'n & Lieutenant being taken prisoners at said battle I served the balance of the three months under Capt'n McFalls and at the end of the three months was discharged by Capt'n. McFalls and returned home.

He further states that in the year 1780 the month not recollected he again entered the service as a volunteer under Capt'n. Stephen Alexander and Col'n. [John] Irwin and served under said officers four weeks He further sayeth that in the same year (1780) the month not recollected he entered the service as a substitute for Joseph J Ross for three months under Capt'n. James Resse[?] & Colo. Phifer. Served the whole of three months in the County of Mecklenburg N.C. frequently on scouting parties, but the main camp on six mile creek in s'd. county, and at the end of the three months was discharged by General [William Lee] Davidson and returned home. He further states that in the year 1781. sometime in the month of February he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Stephen Alexander and Colo. Williams and march to Gilford [sic: Guilford] County N.C. and served two months under said officers and was dismissed and returned home sometime in April making in the whole of his service Eleven months and one week to the best of his recollection.

He further states that he got a written discharge for two tours of service but has lost them. he further states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person except William Carrigan Esq'r of Cabarrus N.C. and James Hamilton of the county of Cabarrus N.C. whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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

I was born in the State of Pennsylvania York County in the year 1762

I have no record of my age. My age was once recorded in my fathers family record, but was lost many years ago.

I refer to John Robinson Clergiman and William Carrigan Eq'r. both of the County of Cabarrus
and State of N.C. for my character for veracity
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written [signed] James bradford