

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Bradley S3081

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Wilson County        }

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County of Wilson now sitting, John Bradley a resident of the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee aged Eighty one years since the 10<sup>th</sup> of August last according to his fathers record in the family Bible, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the Winter or Spring of the year 1781 he entered the militia service in the County of Cumberland & State of Virginia the place of his birth & residence, in a company Commanded by Capt. William Meredith of the same county, the name of the Lieut. of our Company not recollected. he was mustered in service at William Talley's Tavern and attached to the Regiment of Virginia State troops commanded by Col. Henry Skipwith (or Skipworth) Majr. Devault [sic: Samuel Duval], was one of our field officers, the names of the Lieut Col. & other field officers not recollected. From Talley's Tavern the troops were marched to Falling Creek [in Chesterfield County, where they remained encamped about two weeks during which time the British left their shipping near Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] and came up to Richmond & burnt the Public buildings [22 Apr 1781] – they marched from Falling Creek to Paucaw hill in view of the City of Richmond where we were reviewed by the Marquis De La Fayette [Lafayette], thence to Mobbin's hill perhaps about ten miles below Richmond [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] where they remained about two weeks – they then returned and crossed James River at Richmond and marched by Warwick & near Petersburg, thence from place to place reconnoitering the Country, and probably the design of the commanding officers was that the troops might be kept in motion and the Tories in check – much damage to private property was done. when the term of service, (which was three months, expired he was regularly discharged in writing by Capt. Meredith; he has lost his discharge – he was not in any engagement this tour of service.

In the fall of the same year he was again called upon to serve a tour of three months in the Militia in a company commanded by Capt. Joseph Carrington. he was mustered in service at Montague's Tavern in Cumberland County, Virginia, marched down near Richmond on the south side of James River in Chesterfield County, and then marched from place to place through that County and into Powhatan County without being in any engagement; and did but little more than eat our rations when they could be had, and annoy the Tories. at the end of our three months service I was again regularly discharged in writing by our Capt. but has lost it also; not expecting them ever to be of any advantage, he did not take particular care and left them in the State of Virginia, when he removed to Wilson County, Tennessee.

He has no documentary, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, to testify as to his services above set forth.

He resided in Cumberland County, Virginia, up to the year 1805, when he removed to Tennessee, made one crop in Knox County Tennessee then moved to Wilson County, Tennessee in the fall of the year 1805, where he has resided ever since – on the waters of Jennings fork of Round Lick Creek.

He is well acquainted with the Rev'd. John Borum & knew him in the State of Virginia – also well acquainted with Isaiah Coe, James Scoby, Shelah Waters & James Hobbs, some of whom can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid. John hisXmark Bradley

[Isaiah Coe certified "that he has heard his farther in law & the son of Capt. Wm. Meredith often speak of John Bradley the applicant as a soldier of the Revolution."]