

Bounty Land Application for James Bradley

B.L.Wt.595-100

To his Honor the secretary of the War Department, the Congress of the United States or to the honourable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and assembly convened, the Petition of James Bradley of the City of New York respectfully sheweth. That your petitioner at the commencement of the late revolutionary War with Great Britain very early enlisted and joined the Army of the United States as a private, in a company of the New York line, commanded by Capt. Goforth, belonging to Col. McDougal's Regiment of Infantry. That under the command above mentioned your petitioner was at the storming of Quebec, in the year 1775. That after his return to the City of New York and serving a short time in a company commanded by Alexander Hamilton who was then a Captain in the service of the United States, your petitioner enlisted for and during the said war in the same company after that time commanded by John Doughty belonging to Col. Lamb's Regiment of Artillery.

That he continued to serve in the same company til the 11th day of September 1779 on which last mentioned day your petitioner while engaged in the Battle of BrandyWine received a ball from the enemy and was wounded in the left arm, and also at the same battle your petitioner had a part of one of his thumbs shot away by an accidental discharge of a six pounder to which he belonged.

That by occasion of his wounds he was then unable to perform his duty in the capacity aforesaid and was conveyed to the Hospital of Pennsylvania where he remained according to the best of his recollection about three months.

That when he was so far recovered as to be able, he again joined the said army and was at the Battle of Monmouth and the taking of Cornwallis under the said last mentioned command.

That your petitioner continued to serve in such station as well as his disabled arm would permit without intermission till the close of the said war.

That immediately after the close of the war aforesaid of our petitioner having determined to return to Europe, his native country, and at the same time being ignorant of the situation as well as of the value of his Bounty Land he did not then, under the circumstances here mentioned think it worth his attention and therefore he did not apply to nor obtain from the War Department a written and final discharge though he has had the respective written discharges of Captain Goforth, and the late General Hamilton, then a Captain as aforesaid, for several years in his possession.

That after staying about five years in Europe, he determined once more to see America.

That soon after his arrival in New York he authorized a certain Gentle man his attorney and delivered the discharges, that were in his possession, as herein before mentioned to the said attorney who faithfully promised to lay his case before the legislature of this state, at the next session of the same, and if any relief were granted thereby to secure the same to your petitioner.

That the said attorney according to the best of your petitioners knowledge and belief has not done anything therein nor has he returned the said discharge and other papers in his possession to your petitioner.

That in consequence of the facts herein stated, you petitioner never yet obtained or had the benefit of any bounty Lands from this state for the United States your petitioner therefore respectfully represents the aforesaid facts and presumes to appeal to the Legislature of his country in confidence that they will not tho at this late day refuse to him that Justice, which he sufferings, his wounds, his services and his zeal to promote & establish our Liberty & Independence give him a right to expect from them in common with other of his fellow [fellow] soldiers of the same army according to the laws of his country.

In proof of the facts herein stated your petitioner hereunto attached such affidavits of his actual service in the said Army as he trusts will prove satisfactory.—

Your petitioner therefore prays that your honour & your Honourable Bodies will be pleased to take his case in to your services consideration, and to grant him such Bounty Lands as would have fallen

to his lot, had he been able to apply therefor at the proper time or an equal and just allowance therefor in some unappropriated Lands of this State of the United States. (Signed) James Bradley

Know all men by these presents that I, James Bredley of the City of New York have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute & appoint James McKeen of the City of New York, Baronet Gardineer & Gusdon S. Minnford Esqr of the same city, Hannoners Bleecker of the City of Albany Esqr and also any member of Congress eother than the three gentlemen last mentioned to whom these presents may be intrusted my true & lawful attornies for me & in my name & for own proper use and [benefit?] to ask demand sue or petition for recover & receive from the legislature of this state the Congress of the United States or from the Secretary of the Warr [sic] Department of the United States or from any other person or persons all such land warrant or warrants Patents or Patent for land & also all such arrears of Pay for Ban Rations wages Clouthing & or are now due & owing to me for military services by me performed as a soldier principally in Colonel Jno. Lamb's Regts of Artillery of the New York time of the army of the United States during the late Revolutionary War. And to have use & take all lawful essays & means in my name or otherwise for the recovery thereof and to compound payee for the same and acquaintances & other sufficient discharges for the same for me & in my name to make seal & other sufficient discharges for the same for me & in my name to make seal & deliver and do all other lawful arts and things concerning the promises as fully & in every respect as I myself might afford do were & personally present at the doing thereof and attorney one or more under them for the purposes aforesaid and to make & again at their pleasure to revoke retifying and conforming & by these presents allowing whatsoever my said attornies or either of them or their substitutes shall lawfully so or cause to be done in & about the premises by [?] of these presents. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal at the City of New York this twenty ninth day of November one thousand eight hundred and eleven. (Signed) James Bradley

Sealed and Delivered in presence of Jno. Wadsworth.