

James Braden

James Braden was born in Albemarle County on 10Feb between 1753 and 1763. He filed pension documents in Anderson County TN (FPA R1124) between 13Nov1837 and 02Oct1843. They were inconsistent even as to his age. The military details expanded in subsequent declarations. The sworn witnesses also had varied tales. At best, they were old men with vague memories. At worst, there were old men conniving to obtain and maximize a pension for an underserving veteran.

It seems certain that **James Braden** had some service enlistments from his home in Augusta County Virginia. His engagements were perhaps at Dismal Swamp, Guilford Courthouse, and York Town. His Cowpens involvement was not in his first deposition. Six years after his first deposition, James inserted that he was wounded at Cowpens.

Twice during the six year span, Braden stated that **Captain John Lawson** died at Cowpens. Two other veterans who mentioned Captain Lawson did not place him at Cowpens. Solomon Abbott stated that Captain Lawson was killed by Tories, not by Tarleton's forces.