

Captain John Bradford  
May 14, 1762 – January 27, 1827

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John Bradford was born in Fauquier County, Virginia in 1762. He served in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment during the Revolution. On April 1, 1785, he married Elizabeth Blackwell in Fauquier County, Virginia. U.S. Census Davidson County in 1820 showed that there were 9 white people and 22 slaves on John Bradford's farm. He died on January 27, 1827 at his home called "Woodstock," six miles out from town on the Granny White Pike. His will was probated on September 4, 1827, in Davidson County, TN., leaving his plantation to his wife during her lifetime. His wife Elizabeth died on April 24, 1837.

Between the years 1908 – 1933, the graves of Captain John and Elizabeth Bradford were relocated from their original family graveyard to City Cemetery and placed on the lot owned by Alfred Hume, husband of the Bradfords' daughter Louisa. On the box slab are also listed the names of their thirteen children. Alfred Hume is known as the Founder of the Nashville Public School system.

During the Civil War, John Bradford's son Edward lived at "Woodstock." On December 15, 1864, the first day of the Battle of Nashville, Edward's wife and daughter Mary rushed from their house in an attempt to rally the Confederates troops as they streamed south, in retreat, along the Granny White Pike.

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