

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Shubale Pratt VAS264

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

The deposition of Elkanah Andrews¹ a Revolutionary pensioner (as a Seaman in the Virginia State Navy) who being duly sworn testifies that he was well acquainted with Doctor Shubale Pratt of this County – that this deponent's father William Andrews enlisted as a Sergeant in the 9th Virginia Regiment early in 1776 about January & went to the North with that Regiment & after serving out his term returned home & that he received his bounty land for his services & this deponent well remembers that Doctor Pratt was surgeon to said Regiment & went to the North in 1776 as surgeon with the deponent's father & he thinks in January = that this deponent in 1777 enlisted on board the Accomack Galley for 3 years and does not know when said Pratt returned – but he knows that he had not returned home in the fall of 1777 when this deponent entered in the Navy – and he has also understood that he did not return for about 2 years & that on his return he acted as Surgeon to the recruited Continental troops on this sure but how long he so acted he does not know.

S/ Elkanah Andrews, X his mark

[Attested in Accomack County Virginia May 28, 1834]

To the Governor of Virginia &c

The heirs of Doctor Shubale Pratt pray an allowance of Land Bounty for his services three years as a Surgeon in the Virginia Continental line –

They file two depositions proving very positively that he went in January 1776 with the 9th Virginia Regiment as Surgeon to the North – was captured² and in 1778 returned to Accomack & remained in service as Surgeon to the troops enlisted & enlisting their till the summer of 1779 making upwards of 3 years service –

They also file a copy of his [2 indecipherable words] by Tho. Parramore [Thomas Parramore] (who was a Captain in the 9th Regiment from 1780 [indecipherable word] that portion of his service conducted in Virginia. That portion of his service rendered in the Regiment whilst at the North was, it is suppose, as in all other cases, settled for at the North by the Continental Paymaster.

Doctor Pratt died shortly after the war leaving no issue to claim his bounty Land & his

¹ [Elkanah Andrews S6507](#)

² Most of the 9th Regiment of the Virginia Continental line was either captured, killed or wounded at the battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777. It is likely that Doctor Pratt was taken prisoner at that engagement.

collateral relations by whom it is now claimed were not citizens of Accomack and knew nothing of his services & of course nothing of his claim which is one reason why it has not been presented earlier –

The heirs were never found to within two months past.

Respectfully submitted

The heirs

The deposition of Levin Hyslop³ a Revolutionary pensioner aged seventy-nine years who being duly sworn says that he enlisted in the 9th Virginia Regiment in December 1775 or January 1776 & after remaining several months in the County of Accomack marched to the North in Captain Blair's Company & some two or three years afterwards reenlisted for the league War & served to the end of the War & has received two hundred acres of land for his services – that Doctor Shubale Pratt of this County was Surgeon of the 9th Regiment when this deponent enlisted & marched to the North & was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] & several months after the last named battle he returned to Virginia to act as this deponent understood as Surgeon to the troops recruiting on the Eastern Shore & stationed there = that said Pratt acted for a year or 2 longer as Surgeon to the troops raised in Accomack after his return from the North but at what time he retired from Service or under what circumstances he does not know – & that he died a short time after the War ended = that the reason of Doctor Pratt's returning from the North to Accomack was because the 9th Regiment was principally captured or slain & there was no occasion for his services there & he had every reason to believe he continued to act as Surgeon to the Troops Stationed on the Eastern Shore as long as they remained there. This deponent is certain that he was Surgeon to said Regiment in January 1776 & went to the North with that Regiment & returned to act as Surgeon to the troops on the Eastern Shore sometime in 1778 after the battle of Germantown.

S/ Levin Hyslop, X his mark

[attested April 28, 1834 in Accomack County Virginia.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 26th day of June 1784, in the name of Shubale Pratt, as a Surgeon for £305.0.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Thomas Parramore and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
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__ day of ____ .

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Extract of pay record showing payment to Shubale Pratt as Surgeon of £270.0.0 from 12th March 1778 to 12th June 1779 and payment of £60.13.4 for 'retained rations' for the same period, with balance due of £305.0.4 for a total of £513.0.0—23.13.0

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Fairfax County Legislative Petitions

³ [Levin Hyslop W7858](#)

To the Honorable the Speaker & Gentleman of the House of Delegates

The petition of Sheubel Pratt [sic] Humbly Sheweth that your petitioner was appointed a Junior Surgeon at the Hospital at Alexandria by Doctor Rickman in March 1778 and continued therein fifteen months without ever having received any pay or satisfaction for the same: That he has applied to the Auditors to settle his accounts agreeably to the Resolution of Congress – but they refused to do the same until directed by the General Assembly. He humbly prays therefore that the Auditor may be directed to settle his Accounts in like manner as others in his situation have been settled &c

[Reverse]

The Petition of Sheubin Pratt [sic]

June 12th, 1784

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

Auditors directed to settle his Accounts