

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Primm VAS283

vsl 6VA

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[Note: the services ascribed this veteran are somewhat similar to those described by James Primm S35034, but the fact that Primm S35034 did not claim to have served as a sergeant (for which he would have been entitled to a higher pension) leads me to treat this as a separate veteran with the possibility of there being two men named James Primm served under William Washington at the same time.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of 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 28th day of April 1785, in the name of James Prim, as a Qr M Sergt [Quarter Master Sergeant] for £26.6.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Nat Ashley and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
23rd day of January 1835.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Report upon the claim of the heirs of James Primm a Soldier of the Continental line & Quarter Master Sergeant for the bounty land for his services –

To the Governor

Sir,

The following facts have been proved in this case – viz.

That James Primm was a Quarter Master Sergeant of the Continental line, in the war of the Revolution (see the auditor's certificate) – That the said James Primm enlisted for and served 3 years as a Continental Soldier & Quarter Master Sergeant – See the affidavit of David Wickcliffe,¹ who proves a service of two years, & that he left the said Primm in service; and of John Starne [?], who proves an enlistment & service for the term of 3 years &c) the witnesses, who prove these facts, or said to be entitled to full credit.

One of those witnesses, John Starne, says that Thomas Primm, a Brother of James, enlisted for a term of 3 years, served the full term of his enlistment, & died in the service – no bounty land has been issued for the services of Thomas Primm.

It does not appear, that either James Primm, or his brother Thomas Primm, has received

¹ Sic, [David Wickcliffe S6409](#)

bounty land for his services.

I have no other facts to report; and I am Sir

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Commissioner &c

July 25th, 1835

State of Virginia Fauquier County: SS

Be it known that before me William Thompson a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Captain John Starne [?], a soldier of the Revolution in the seventy second year of his age, whose oath is entitled to full credit; and made Oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with the late Colonel James Primm of Stafford County, and acquainted with his Brother Thomas Primm, of the same County; and knows that they both enlisted under Captain William Washington to serve in the Revolutionary Army for 3 years; that he believes that both James Primm and Thomas Primm served their full term of 3 years; That he never saw the said Thomas Primm after his term of service ended, and understood that he died. That he frequently saw the said James Primm after his return and saw him acting as a Captain, in conducting the British Prisoners (after the siege of York) to the barracks near Winchester Virginia where he the said affiant went with him.

Given under my hand this 12th day of September 1834

S/ William Thompson, JP

State of Virginia Fauquier County: SS

Be it known, that before me William Thompson a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared David Wickliffe a Soldier of the Revolution in the 80th year of his age, and made oath in due form of law: That he was well acquainted with the late Colonel James Primm of Stafford County, That he served with said Primm in the Revolutionary Army, in the 3rd Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Mercer in the first instance then by Colonel Weedon & others: that the said Primm served as Sergeant in Captain William Washington's Company, 2 years: that this affiant was wounded in the battle at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and came home, leaving the said Sergeant Primm in Service.

I further certify that I am well acquainted with this affiant David Wickliffe, have known him upwards of 30 years, and consider him a man of high standing in his neighborhood, and that his oath is entitled to full credit.

Given under my hand this 12th day of September 1834

S/ William Thompson, JP

To his Excellency Littleton W Tazewell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Memorial of Lydia D. Moran (wife of Gustavus A. Moran) formerly Lydia D. Primm; and Sophia Primm, Daughters, and the only children, and heirs at law of James Primm a soldier of the Virginia State Troops in the Army of the Revolution, respectfully sheweth, that your memorialists have always understood from their father during his lifetime that he enlisted & was made a Sergeant in that Company – that he served his time faithfully, after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York & Gloucester, he acted as a Captain in conducting a Body of Prisoners to the Barracks in Winchester, Frederick County – Your memorialists further represent that the dates connected with the service of their father have passed out of their memory – but for the facts stated above, they respectfully refer your Excellency to the affidavits of David Wickliffe,

and John Stearns [?], now on file in the Executive Department at Richmond.

Your memorialists therefore humbly pray for that quantity of Bounty Land, and any other relief provided by the Laws of Virginia in such cases, and in duty bound your Memorialists, will ever pray,

S/ L. D. Moran

S/ S. Primm

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