

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Pritchett VAS288

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

To the Executive of Virginia

In the half of the heirs of William Pritchett deceased who was a Corporal in the Virginia State Line during the War of the Revolution, I present the claim for the Military Bounty Land due for his services. You will find his name reported by John H Smith Commissioner in Document No. 32, as a Corporal, and entitled as such to land for and during the War – I therefore ask for the usual allowance of Military Bounty Land due for his services.

December 15th, 1849

S/ James Murdaugh
Attorney for the heirs

Received December 18, 1849

15th March 1850 advised to be rejected – there being no proof of length of service. The name does appear in Smith's report allowed for a year and during the war as a Corporal in the Illinois Regiment

S/ J. B. Floyd

Hs William Pritchett
Bounty

Rejt'd December 8, 1849

1850 September 18 – allowed Corporal Illinois Regiment for the war

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Declaration of John Bouche sole heir of William Pritchett who was a Corporal in the Illinois Regiment commanded by George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war in order to obtain the bounty land due said Pritchett from the State of Virginia

The undersigned John Bouche Respectfully represents to his Excellency the Governor of Virginia that at the death of William Pritchett he was made his sole heir and that he has always understood that the said William Pritchett was a Corporal in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War – that he came from Kaskaskia to Post St. Vincent in the year 1779 and assisted in the reduction of the British Garrison at said

Post – that he remained at said Post and continued his services protecting the Wabash and Illinois Country until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged – that he remained here after his discharge, until his death at which time he made declarant his sole heir – that the evidence hereunto annexed he humbly trust will fully prove the Services of said William Pritchett and the airship of this applicant – that the long delay in applying for what is properly due him will, he feels well assured, be no barrier in the way to prevent your Excellency doing him Justice, as he was heretofore ignorant of the Course he ought to pursue.

S/ John Bouche, X his mark

subscribed & sworn to before me this 16th day of May 1845

S/ James Thorne, PJCC

State of Indiana

Knox County: SS

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County Gabriel ? [several indecipherable words]¹ known to me to be a credible witness who being duly sworn deposes & says that he is now eighty-eight years of age and served in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark in the Revolutionary War with the late William Pritchett who was a Corporal in said Regiment – that he came from Kaskaskia to Post St. Vincent [probably a reference to Vincennes] in the year 1779 with said Regiment and aided in the reduction of the British Garrison at said Post –, that he remained Stationed at said last mentioned place doing active duty as Corporal aforesaid, in the defense of the Wabash and Illinois Country until he was honorably
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State of Indiana

Knox County: SS

Personally appeared before me James Thorne, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County of Knox, Vital Bushey now aged fifty-nine years, personally known to me to be a creditable, who being duly sworn according to law, depose that he was well acquainted with William Pritchett an old soldier of Colonel Clark's Regiment; that said Pritchett dead in his father's family many years and adopted his younger brother John Bouche the declarant, as his sole heir, he said Pritchett having died without a family; that said John was the acknowledged heir, and inherited the little property said Pritchett left according to his special request and desire; that said John is the rightful heir of said Pritchett and entitled to whatever may overwrite be due to him.

Signed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May 1845

S/ Vital Bushey, X his mark

State of Illinois

Knox County: SS

Personally appeared before me James Thorne, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County of Knox, Pierre Gremore aged seventy-five and Lawrich Bushey personally known to me to be creditable, who being duly sworn, depose that they were born in Vincennes, and have

¹ Gabriel Leno det. Faloon,

always resided in said town and its neighborhood, that they have invariably learned that the late William Pritchett had served in the Illinois Regiment under Colonel George Rogers Clark during the revolutionary War, and they know the oldest inhabitants so regarded him during his lifetime; that the said Pritchett lived in the family of old John Bushey the father of the claimant who had been a soldier in said Regiment, and that they always heard and believed said Pritchett requested to John Bushey, the claimant, all the little personally property belonging to him.

S/ Pierre Gremore, X his mark

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