

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Reuben Depriest VAS3360  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Va. Campbell C'ty to Wit. I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Reuben Depriest in the Revolutionary war and know the fact that he enlisted in the Va. Continental line [see endnote] under Capt Holeman Rice [Holman Rice S31327] during of the stay or continuance of the British troops at the Albermarle barrax [sic: Hessian and British troops captured at Saratoga and kept at Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781] I am of the opinion I left him in service. I served as lieutenant and Captain over Reuben Depriest in the Revo. War and considered him a faithful soldier while under me. Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1843.

Edward Herndon [VAS1505]



To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The memorial of the heirs, and legal representatives of Reuben Depriest late a private in the Virginia Continental line, in the war of the Revolution

Respectfully sheweth that the said Reuben Depriest about the commencement of the Revolutionary War enlisted Under Captain Holeman Rice and then Under Captain Edward Herndon in the Virginia Continental line, to serve for three years and was attached to the Virginia Regiment Commanded by [blank space] That he served faithfully untill he was killed in Battle under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] your memorialist does not distinctly recollect in what battle he was killed but beleives it was 96 [siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781; see endnote] All of which will more readily appear by refference to the army Register of the Virginia Continental line and the accompanying certificate of one of his Captains who he served under in the War of the Revolution.

Your memorialist farther state that in his life time he never applied for ever drew the Land Bounty promised by the state of Virginia nor has his heirs since his death applied for or drawn the same Your memorialist therefore humbly pray that your Excellency will grant them the usual quantity of Land allowed to a private in the Virginia Continental line for the survice of three years pursuant to the Laws of Virginia in such case made and provided. And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Charles Depriest

State of Virginia, Campbell County to Wit:

This day Charles Depriest one of the heirs of said Reuben Depriest came before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that the facts as set forth in the foregoing memorial he beleives to be true.

Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1844

Paulett Clark JP.

Rejected Ja. McD. [Gov. James McDowell] Feb. 8 1745  
1845 May 10 Rejected

[A letter dated 25 Sep 1849 states that the claim was rejected "for want of proof."]

1850 Sept'r 18 Rejected

NOTES: The Convention Army Guard Regiment at Albemarle Barracks was on state, not Continental,

establishment. It is very unlikely that Depriest served at Albemarle Barracks until Feb 1781 and also at the siege of Ninety Six in the following May. There is no record of Holman Rice or Edward Herndon having been at the siege.