

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Presley Thornton BLWt553-300 f6VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 12/9/11

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[Note: there is no application in this file relating to the bounty land claim of Presley Thornton.]

[Note: the following note appears on the third page of this file:

Papers sent to Honorable Isaac Hill of the U.S. Senate in the case of Captain Presley Thornton of the Virginia line to be returned after being examined by the Committee –

- A. *Letter of Ambrose Barbour to the Honorable R. M. Johnson including papers*
- B. *Letter of Presley Thornton to the Honorable R. M. Johnson*
- C. *Two Certificates of General James Wood*
- D. *Certificates of Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Temple*
- E. *Ditto of John Dawson*
- F. *Ditto of Lieutenant Colonel Temple, to which is annexed remark in relation to the claims of Presley Thornton by William Simmons, Acct.*
- G. *Power of attorney of Presley Thornton to Colonel Anthony New – with endorsements their own relating to the claim of said Thornton made by J. Parker, J. Howell, P. Farrell & Wm Simmons.*
- H. *Petition of Presley Martin, addressed to the Congress of the United States with sundry endorsements their own – particularly one by William Simmons Acct.*
- I. *Envelope--*

None of the papers referred to above or in this file and presumably are now somewhere in the files of the United States House of Representatives.]

The Virginia State Library has posted digital images of the following documents relating to this officer:

Captain Presley Thornton late of Baylor's Regiment of cavalry entered into the service of the United States prior to November 1776 and continued in service until the Conclusion of the War in November 1783.

Given under my hand this 30th day of March 1796

James Wood late B. G.

Captain Presley Thornton late of Baylors
Regiment of Cavalry, entered into the service of the
United States prior to November 1776, and
continued in service until the conclusion of the
War in November 1783.

Given under my hand this 30th day
of March 1796.

James Wood. Col. Bg.

I do hereby certify that Captain Presley Thornton was appointed a Cornet in the [illegible] Regiment of Dragoons the 17th of March 1777 he was promoted to the rank of second Lieutenant on the 27th of May 1778 – [illegible] the rate of first Lieutenant the 15th of November 1778 & to a captaincy the 15th of May 1780 – which commission he resigned the 25th of November 1783.

George Baylor¹ Col
of the 1st Regiment of
Cavalry

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June the 15th 178?

I do hereby certify that Capt. Presley Thornton
was appointed a Cornet in the 1st Regiment of
Light Dragoons the 17th of March 1777.
he was promoted to the rank of second Lieut.
the 27th of May 1778 - and to the rank
of first Lieut. the 15th of November 1778
& to a Captaincy the 15th of May 1780 - which
commission he resigned the 25th of November
1783.
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Geo. Baylor
Col of the 1st Regiment of
Cavalry

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¹ [George Baylor W5966](#)

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