

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Presley (Prestly, Priestley) Thorn R20519

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The State of Alabama, Madison County: Declaration of Presley Thorn Senior

I Presley Thorn Senior in the County of Madison in the State of Alabama do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war at which period I was a Captain in the third Regiment of the Continental line and I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate commonly called a commutation certificate for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1783 instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780 And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the third of March 1826 no money.

1<sup>st</sup> June 1829

signed S/ Prosly Thorn [sic]

The State of Alabama, Madison County

Before me W. Graves Bouldin an acting justice of the peace in the State and County aforesaid personally appeared this day John H. Wright and Lewis Sanderson of the said County who do severally make oath that Presley Thorn Senior by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed is generally reputed and believed to have been an officer in the Army of the revolution in the manner as therein stated witness my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1829.

S/ W. Graves Bouldin, JP {Seal}

S/ John H. Wright

S/ Lewis Sanderson

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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
22 February 1830

Priestley Thorn of \_\_\_ in the County of Madison in the State of Alabama has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period he was a Captain in the third regiment of the N. Carolina line; and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of \_\_\_

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1830

It does not appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to Priestley Thorn, Captain in the North Carolina line, amounting to      dollars.

It further appears that Priestley Thorn is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3 March 1826 at the rate of      per month.

The Revolutionary records in this Office furnish no information whatever in relation to the services of Captain Priestley Thorn of the North Carolina line.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department Bounty Land Office March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1830

The name of Prestley Thorn, does not appear on the list of Officers of the North Carolina line, on file in this Office, among those, entitled to Bounty Land home the United States, or, to whom a Land Warrant has issued.

S/ Wm Gordon

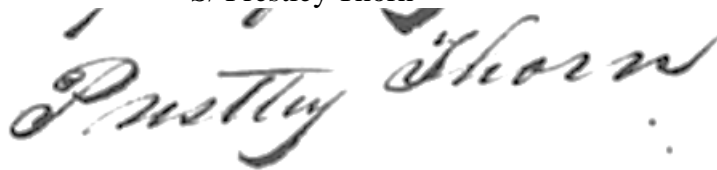
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Rec'd 22 Feb. 1830

Huntsville Feby 9<sup>th</sup> 1830

Dear Sir;

Your letter under date 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1829 is before me and in obedience to its requisitions I give you the following information. I served in the quota of the State of North Carolina under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in the third Regiment commanded by Samuel Hopkins. This I believe is all the information your letter requires me to give.

Respectfully &c  
S/ Prestley Thorn

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Prestley Thorn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Prestley Thorn".