

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Randolph Depriest R2987
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State of Tennessee County of Hickman

On this 24th day of the summer personally appeared before me E. W. Dyer one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Amy Depriest a resident of Hickman County in the State of Tennessee aged ninety-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 and the several acts passed subsequently thereto allowing pensions to the widows of Deceased Revolutionary Soldiers.

That she is the widow of Randolph Depriest who was a private in Captain Young's Company of South Carolina. Declarant states that her husband entered the service in __ district in the State of South Carolina that he volunteered under Captain William Young who was a partisan officer in the service of the United States that he served to the best of her knowledge & believe under a part of his time under Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and a part of the time he served under Colonel Nesbitt she has heard him state and believes that part of his time he was with Major or Captain Lewis: declarant states that her husband on one tour was gone 8 months that was as well as she recollects & believes it was in the year 1779. That shortly after his return he went out as an Indian spy and to watch & guard the movements of the Tories. That from that time until the close of the war nearly all the time he belonged to Captain Young's Company and that young was very frequently out whole tours with his own Company spying and fighting the Tories without being attached to the Main Army. Declarant remembers that her husband has told her frequently that he was engaged in a great many skirmishes with the Tories wants she recollects of his being as he said in an engagement with the Tories and Indians she believes between two Rivers but Declarant would state that owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory she cannot give the different engagements under which her husband served in detail but she is sure that he served under different engagements as a volunteer not less than two years and six months but she believes more that he was nearly all this time gone from home from early in the year '79 until the close of the war. That she knows that her deceased husband actively was engaged in behalf of the United States as she has stated but to give the particulars at her advanced age she cannot. She states that owing to old age and decrepitude she is unable to go to court to make her Declaration. The reason she has not applied sooner is that she has been feeble for many years and unable to attend to it being ignorant of what to do or how to apply. She declares that she was married to the said Randolph Depriest in Bedford County in the State of Virginia in June 1775 as she believes, that her husband the aforesaid Randolph Depriest died on the 29th September 1830 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Declarant states that she has no documentary Evidence by which she can establish the services of her said husband. She further states that she has been informed that the record of their marriage has been burned.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written.

S/ Amy Depriest, X her mark

[fn p. 8 family record, badly damaged at the top of both pages]

The names [missing] ages of the Children of Randolph Depriest and Amey his Wife

[illegible] this 29th of September 1793

James Highsmith

[illegible] Harbour

[text missing] was [text missing] 1778

Mary Depriest & Elizabeth Twins was Born December the 12th Day 1779

Anne Depriest Daughter of Randolph was born March 29th 1782

Sarah Depriest was born November 30th 1783

[two or more lines of text missing] the mother was born December 6th day 1785

Catherine Depriest was born Aprile 20th 1787

Randolph Depriest son of Randolph the Father was born March 14th 1789

Margaret Depriest was born March 12th 1791

[text missing] was born September ?? 1793

Amey Depriest Daughter of Randolph the father was born June the 29th 1795

Jesse Depriest Son of Randolph Depriest the father was Born June the 24th [last digit uncertain] 1797