

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements &
Rosters**

Pension application of Daniel B. Perrow R8123

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State of Tennessee County of Madison: SS On this 22nd day of August A.D. 1853 personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Francis G Depriest [sic] age 65 a resident of Spring Creek Madison County, in the State of Tennessee who being duly sworn according to law on her oath declares that she is the daughter of Daniel B Perrow who was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and served a 6 months tour in said war. She further declares that her father the said Daniel B Perrow died 21st of July 1839 leaving a widow Elizabeth Perrow, to whom he was married previous to 1794, and seven children and since which time Elizabeth Perrow has died, about the last day of July 1839 leaving seven him children, to wit: Mary, William, Charles, Elizabeth, Francis [sic], Celia and Daniel.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed July 7th 1832 for herself and brothers and sisters.

S/ Frances G Depriest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis G Depriest". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'F' and 'D'.

State of Tennessee County of Madison: SS

On this 22nd day of August A.D. 1853 personally appeared before me, Benjamin Clement a citizen of Hardeman County, who being duly sworn according to law declares upon his oath, that he is personally acquainted with Francis G Depriest [sic] and that she is the daughter of Daniel B Perrow, who lived in Campbell County in the State of Virginia, who died in the year 1837.

S/ Benjamin Clement

[Martin Key gave testimony substantially identical to that of Benjamin Clement.]

[Note: George W. Talbot served as agent (probably the attorney) for Mrs. Depriest in applying for the pension due her father. In response to a letter from the Commissioner of Pensions outlining the deficiencies in the application, Mr. Talbot wrote back in one of the

least diplomatic letters I've had the pleasure to read lately. It caused me to laugh out loud and I share it as an example for now not to be an advocate for a client's claims (all young lawyers should take note). Mr. Talbot's letter reads in relevant part as follows:

The foregoing letter [the response he had received from the Commissioner of Pensions] is "confusion worse confounded." I never made an inquiry in regard to an invalid Pension for Daniel Perrow. I forwarded papers to your office for a pension due the heirs of Daniel Perrow, on account of his services in the war of the revolution, but the application was suspended for want of proof of service, and it was a copy of your letter informing me of such suspension that I desired, as I have given the copy I received to Mrs. Depriest – the woman who made application. The reason I desired a copy was to shut this old woman's mouth, as she has said many hard things about me, because I failed to get her claim allowed. I believe old Perrow never served his country in any capacity as I have had the records of Virginia examined and his name is not to be found in the archives [of] that Commonwealth.

Yours

S/ Geo. W. Talbot