

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Prescot R8445

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District of Sumter

On this Seventeenth day of March A.D. 1820, before me, the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said District, personally appeared Benjamin Prescot Senior aged Sixty-eight years, resident upper Salem in said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Benjamin Prescot Senior enlisted for the term of eighteen months, on the \_\_\_ day of January in the year 1780 in Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Colman [Benjamin Coleman] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_\_ Hogins [sic, James Hogun?] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment: that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the Service of the United States until the 26th day of July 1782, when he was discharged from service in Kingstown [sic, Kinston], Dobbs County -- State of North Carolina: that he was in the battles of Moore's Creek [February 27, 1776]<sup>1</sup>, Trent Bridge [probably the engagement at Webber's Bridge, August 17, 1781],<sup>2</sup> Siege of Wilmington<sup>3</sup> and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support: and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ C. J. Colcock, JP

S/ Benjamin Prescot, B his mark

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This may Certify that Benjamin Prescot was one of the Eighteen Months Soldiers and has served his time Justly and truly and is hereby discharged of the same –  
Given under my hand this 26th of July 1782

S/ BenJamin Colman [sic]

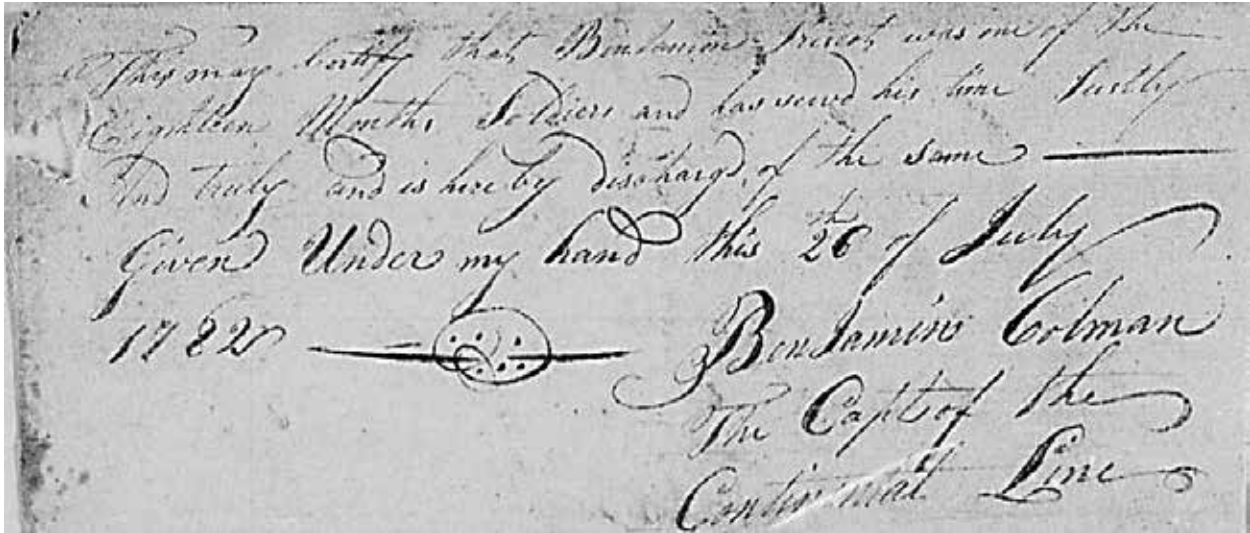
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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_webbers\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_webbers_bridge.html)

<sup>3</sup> There were a number of actions in and around Wilmington prior to the British evacuation of Wilmington on November 18, 1781. See, [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/NC\\_Revolutionary\\_War\\_Known\\_Battles\\_Skirmishes.htm](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/NC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm)

The Capt. of the  
Continental Line



This may certify that Benjamin Prescott was one of the  
Continental Line Soldiers and has served his time justly  
and truly and is hereby discharged of the same  
Given Under my hand this 28 of July  
1782 ————— Benjamin Colman  
The Capt of the  
Continental Line

[p 12] copy of a letter

War Department Pension Office  
June 28th 1802 [sic, 1822?]

Mr. Benj. Prescott,  
Care of Hartwell Mercer, Esquire  
Sumter C. H. S. C.  
Sir:

The papers forwarded by you to this office for the purpose of procuring a pension under the Law of the 18th March 1818 have been examined and I have to inform you that your claim is rejected. The documents produced and evidence of your service signed by Benj. Colman, the Captain of the Continental line purporting to be your discharge bears every appearance of a forgery. Application has nevertheless been made to the Secretary of State of North Carolina, to ascertain whether your name was on the rolls of that line, in his possession. From his report<sup>4</sup> it appears that you were "not mustered." Your papers will be retained in this office. I am, etc.

S/ J. L. E. [J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions]

<sup>4</sup> The report of the North Carolina Secretary of State is not among the documents contained in this file.