

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Preston R8451

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State of Kentucky Campbell County: SS: On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1843 personally appeared, before me Jesse Yelton a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, Jeremiah Preston, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight or eighty years (to the best of his memory) who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man, in the 16<sup>th</sup> year of his age to the best of his recollection, for the term of three months, under Captain Tilman Weaver as a private but Captain Weaver did not go out with us, and we were first under the command of Captain Miner Winn [Lt. Minor Winn], and Winn went with us as far as Hillsborough and there we were put under Captain Frank Triplett [Francis Triplett], and Winn returned home, or at least he went no further with us, and the company that I was then joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at a small Town called Charlotte, in one of the Carolinas but I cannot tell which, and after we joined Morgan we had a battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], and I fired 17 rounds, and there I saw all the British General Tarlton [sic, Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton], and it was stated, that we took 518 prisoners, but this was from report, and this battle was in the winter but in what month I cannot state, and some time after this battle by some means that I am unable to explain, we had to stay three months longer, and all the Company that I was in had to stay, as well as myself, and it was my choice to stay, for I was anxious to go at first and would have run away from my Father had I not been Drafted – and we started home from a Town called Salisbury in one of the Carolinas (I think) and there I got a discharge from Captain Triplett, but I am not able to tell what became of it; as I did not care anything about it, and to the best of my memory I returned home on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March after being marched, though some men that was with me stated to me, that they were 6 months and 15 days, but I think it was 6 months and 4 days that I was in the service, but these men that stated this to me had further to travel then I had to reach their homes. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his age and never could write neither could his father either read or write, and all that he knows is from memory, and that was once very good, but is now much impaired, and had my health lasted my memory would still have been good, but I am much afflicted with the Cancer and the Hernia, so that I can neither walk nor ride any distance – He hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or annuity whatever, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any state or Territory in the United States – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last above mentioned.

S/ Jeremiah Preston, X his mark

[Richard Tarvin, a clergyman, and Samuel Baker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court where and in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia, but in what year I cannot tell. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? Ans. I have no record of my age nor never had, nor neither had my Father any record of my age, but the Minister that Baptized me had a record of my age, and from him I had all the knowledge I know of my age, and from what my Father said when I was drafted – Where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live? Ans. I lived in the state of Virginia when drafted, and have lived since the Revolutionary War in Kentucky in Fayette and Grant Counties, and now I live in Campbell County Kentucky. Did you ever receive a discharge, and if so by whom was it signed? Ans. I did receive a discharge, and it was signed by Captain Frank Triplett, but I took no care of it, & it was lost, and I cannot tell how – I am acquainted with Edward Morin, John H Barker, William J Morin, Dr. E. P. Dameron, Con [?] Beagles, W. H. Lacy and some others, but not very many for I am not able to travel and in the vale of poverty, and deep in affliction and under the care of a Doctor from Ohio, and have neither opportunity nor inclination for society.

S/ Jeremiah Preston, X his mark