

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Walter Preston R8452

Letitia

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: There is no application in this file. File contains correspondence dated October 5 1855 addressed to J W Stevens Esquire from C. A. Preston in which the writer refers to his father Walter Preston having served during the revolutionary war one tour at Abingdon and one tour at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. The writer encloses a power of attorney signed by his mother Letitia Preston in which she describes herself as the widow of Walter Preston and by which she empowers her attorney to seek the bounty land and pensions that may be due her as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. The power of attorney is dated October 2, 1855 and is acknowledged in Clark County Kentucky.



. Her power of attorney is attested by Mary J Simpson and someone whose name appears to be Alexia M. Preston,¹ whose relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated. In his letter, C. A. Preston refers to his brother but I cannot decipher the name. The text in question appears as follows:



. The file also contains a letter dated October 15, 1855 addressed to Mister JW Stevens from the 2nd clerk of the Auditor's Office in Richmond Virginia stating that he has searched the files and cannot find the name of Walter Preston.]

