

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Prewit (Pruett) R8455

Eady (Eddy) f45VA

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State of North Carolina Cleveland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Session
1846

On this 10th day of August 1846 Personally appeared in Open Court now in Session Spencer Pruwit [Spencer Pruett] who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832 also the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That he is a son and one of the heirs at law of John Pruwit who was a private soldier in the Virginia Continental line and as such served the United States against the Common Enemy & was under the following named Officers. That one DeMarcus [the Marquis de Lafayette] was his General the balance of the Officers are not known to this deponent. That he entered the service prior to the Battle of Gilford Court House [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781] N. C. that he was at the Battle at Gilford Court House this deponent does not know the precise [word obliterated by an ink blot] when he entered the service or when he left the Service. This deponent further declares that he is a son and one of the heirs at law of Eady Pruwit who was the widow of the aforesaid John Pruwit. That his Father and Mother the aforesaid John & Eady Pruwit were married sometime in the year 1778. That his Father the aforesaid John Pruwit Died the 30 day of April 1837 and that his Mother died the 2nd day of September 1839. That she remained a widow from the death of the said John Pruwit until her death. This deponent further declares that he is in possession of an old Family Record which gives the births of all the Children of the said John & Eady Pruwit written out many years ago & that the Original Record is hereunto appended. That all the children or heirs at law of the said John & Eady Pruwit who survived the said Eady Pruwit: Elizabeth Smith, Nancy Stockton & this deponent Spencer Pruwit & that they all reside in Cleveland County except Elizabeth Smith who resides in Burke County North Carolina. This deponent further declares that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the services of his Father the aforesaid John Pruwit.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court day & date first above written.

Certified S/ R. Champion, Clerk

S/ Spencer Prewit, X his mark

[f p. 7: family record:

Anney Pruitt Born November the 29th 1779

Betsey Pruitt Born ye 8th Day of March 1781

Burgas Pruitt Born 24 Day of November 1782

Spencer Pruitt Born 15 Day of September 1784

Eddy Pruett was Born ye 27 of August 1786

Fracis [?] Pruitt Born 16th Day December 1788

[f p. 10]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of April 1785, in the name of John Prewit, as a Soldier of Infantry for £36.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
2nd day of June 1846.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 36: On December 27, 1857 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Thomas B Stockton, 67, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John Pruett a soldier of the revolution; that his acquaintance with Prewett started in 1805; that Pruett stated that he served in the revolution when he resided, the deponent thinks, in the County of Bedford; that Pruett's; discharge received at the close of the war was consumed by fire in a house which the veteran built on Rock Creek in Burke County North Carolina; that the veteran was of the opinion that he would not receive a pension because his discharge had been destroyed and he knew of no comrades in arms who lived in Cleveland County and whose testimony he could procure as to his services; that when the veteran moved to Cleveland County he brought with him a wife and a family of children including Spencer Pruett.]

[Veteran's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending April 30, 1837.]