

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Prewitt R8456

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State of North Carolina } Court of please and quarter sessions.
Cleavland [sic] Cleveland County } August Sessions 1847. One this 17th day of August 1847
personally appeared Thomas Prewitt in open Court now setting, and after being first Duty Sworn
according to law Doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the
provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled an Act granting half pay and
pensions to certain widows: that he is the son and one of the Heirs at law of Ellender Prewitt who was the
widow of William Prewitt who was a private soldier of the Virginia Continental line of the Infantry: and
as such served the United States a gainst the common enemy in the war of the Revolution for the term of
Eighteen months in Capt. Aurther's Company as he has been informed; and this Deponant further Declars
from Information that William Prewitt and Ellender Prewitt, his father and Mother, was married
sometime in the year 178[?] and that his father William Prewitt Died on the 17th Day of August 1821 and
that Ellender Prewett his mother was not Married to the aforesaid William Prewett, his father, prior to his
leaving the service: but the Marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, Viiz. at the time
above stated; and this Deponant further Declares that his Mother the aforesaid Ellender Prewett Died on
the 12th Day of March 1844 and he further saith that the following is the names of all the surviving
Children of the aforesaid Ellender Prewitt living on the 7th of July 1838: viz. Rebecah Miles Elizabeth
Carrell John Prewitt Sarah Williams Martha Lucadoo William Prewitt and Thomas Prewett, the presant
Deponant, that his father William Prewett was a Resedent of Bedford County in the State of Virginia at
the time of his service in the Revolutionary war, and that his Mother the aforesaid Ellender Prewett, was
also a Resident of said Bedford County and was Married to the said William Prewett in the said County of
Bedford at the time afore mentioned

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and Date above written Thomas hisXmark Prewit

State of North Carolina } personally came: Job Walker before me.
Rutherford Country }

A. B Long – one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and After being first Duly
sworn according to law saith on his oath that he was entimatly Acquainted with William Prewet in the
Days of the Revolutionary war who was a Resident of Bedford County of the State of Virginia. that he
knew the said William Prewitt to be Drafted and to into the Service of the United States for the turm of six
months in Capt. James Aurthers Companey. That his father John Walker and the said William Prewit was
in the service together. that after they staid in the service about three months his father John Walker and
William Prewit Came home on ferlow and staid at home about two weeks, and went Back and after about
the Elapse of three months he saw the said William Prewit Return home: and this Deponant further saith
he lived in Bedford County in the same Neighborhood of the said William Prewit before and After the
Revolutionary war and that about the year 1783 or 1784 the said William Prewet Married Ellender Walker
and that he and William Prewet and Ellender his wife all mooved sumtime Afterwards to North Carolina
in the County of Rutherford and that William Prewit and Ellender his wife lived together from the time
above stated as husband and wife untill William Prewits Death which was to the best of his Recollection
about the year 1820 or 1821. and this Deponant further saith that the Children of the said William Prewit
and Ellender his wife are well known by him and that there names are as follows; Rebecah Miles.
Elizabeth Carrell. John Prewit. Sarah Williams. Martha Luckdoo. William Prewit. and Thomas Prewit and
that Ellender Prewet the Widow of William Prewet Died on the 12th Day of March 1844 to the best of his
Recollection and this Deponent further saith that from the statements of his father to him that he is about

76 years of Age

Sworn to and subscribed this 13th Day of January 1848 before Job hisXmark Walker

A B Long JP

State of Georgia } [6 Aug 1853]

County of Union } Be it known that before me Jason C. Chastain a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Union and State aforesaid personally appeared William Pruit aged 60 years a resident of the County of Union and State of Georgia who being cautioned and then sworn in due form of law states that he is the Son and Heir of William Pruit deceased who was a Revolutionary Soldier of the State of North Carolina, that he was in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], That he died on or about the 15th day of August A.D. 1827 That his Mother named Elender Pruit died on or about the 8th day of March A.D. 1845 That they were married on or about the 8th day of June in the year 1783, and that they were residents of the County of Rutherford in the State of North Carolina and that they resided there 30 years and that there are four other Children of the said William Pruit deceased as follows Rebecca, John, Sarah, and Martha Pruit only surviving Heirs. And the said William Pruit further more [power of attorney follows]

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Carter's Ferry at present Cartersville in Cumberland County lists the following: William Pruitt/ age 25/ height 5' 4"/ black hair/ black eyes/ dark complexion/ planter/ born in Pittsylvania County/ residing in Bedford County where he entered Continental service as "Mili Delq't" (Militia Delinquent) in 1780 for eight months.

A letter from the Clerk of Bedford County stated that no record could be found of the marriage of William Prewit and Ellender Walker. Willis Johnson, born 7 Feb 1786, stated that Rebecah Miles, Elizabeth Carrell, and John Prewit were all older than him. On 11 Jan 1854 Thomas Prewitt stated that he was the youngest child at age 54, having been born about 6 Feb 1810 [sic]. On 17 Apr 1854 Lewis Justice, 65, stated that he had heard William Prewitt state that "he was paid off for his services in said war in Continental money or a depreciated currency, that was of no benefit to him," that Thomas Prewitt was the youngest child at age 54 or 55, and Rebecca was the oldest at age 69 or 70. James Bridges, 83, made a similar statement.