

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Prichard R8481-
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State of Tennessee Sullivan County

On this 24th day of February 1846 personally appeared before me Christian Crumby an acting Justice of the peace of Sullivan County and State of Tennessee Thomas Prichard of the County & State aforesaid aged 84 years the 24th of last September who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

First he entered the service as a substitute in the place of William Pendergrass as a private for a 3 month Tour against the Tories he entered the service in Orange County State of North Carolina under Captain Abraham Alen and Colonel William McColly after serving the aforesaid time he entered the service as a volunteer against the Tories under the aforesaid officers marched through & scoured the Counties of Chatham Orange Wake & more & served a 3 months Tour & being honorably discharged by said officers he then was drafted in the County of Chatham for a 3 months Tour and went into service under Captain William Jones & Colonel Golsom & marched through a large portion of North Carolina in search of Tories met and engaged the Tories at the Hawfields near Lewis Kirk's also had an engagement with the Tories at Lindley's Mills in Chatham or Orange County declarant states that he served in all 9 months for which he claims a pension he further states that all the persons by whom he could make positive proof of his services have long since departed this life and that he has no documentary proof and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can Testify to his services declarant further deposeth that the reason why he never applied for a pension prior to this time was his living in a remote part of Tennessee in the mountains in Carter County for the last 10 or 12 years together with his indigent circumstances and Bodily infirmities that he was unable to make any appeal to his government for relief until he removed to Sullivan County where my friends told me that government had made provision for the Revolutionary Soldiers.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ Christian Crumby, JP

S/ Thomas Prichard, X his mark

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for Sullivan County & State of Tennessee Thomas Prichard of said County who being duly sworn deposes and saith by reason of old age and infirmity of body he cannot attend at the Court House in his

County to acknowledge the above declaration and further depose and saith that he cannot in consequence of the loss of memory to swear to the precise day or month of his entering the service or the precise time of his discharge he further swears he received a discharge in each time in writing when his services ended but they are lost or destroyed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day & date aforesaid.

S/ Christian Crumby, JP

S/ Thomas Prichard, X his mark

[William B. White and Thomas Odle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Sussex County in Virginia in the year 1761 from the best information I can get from the family record

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have no record of my age but my Grand Father Kept a record of my age in Sussex County

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in Orange County when I entered the service in North Carolina. I have lived in the States of North Carolina & Tennessee since the Revolution and now live in Tennessee.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I first served a 3 months tour as a substitute in the place of William Pendergrass. I then volunteered & served a 3 months tour & lastly I was drafted in Chatham County & served a 3 month tour.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. There were no Regular officers commanding the troops where I served but there was stationed near me in or at Guilford Court House where the Army under General Greene concentrated. I was in service when Cornwallis was stationed at Hillsboro we were at the Raft Swamp when General Marion was near Wilmington. There was other regiments in the Country when I was in service Colonel Luttrell was stationed at Luttrell's Barrett near the Hickory Mountain Colonel Mebane was stationed at below the Hawfields also Colonel Taylor & Colonel Hogan were stationed in Orange County.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge at the end of my time of my service in writing from my captains but they are all lost or destroyed --

[Mary Prichard of Carter County Tennessee appointed Charles C. Tucker as her attorney in fact to pursue her claim. Her power of attorney is dated April 7th, 1854. Mary Prichard stated that she is the widow of Thomas Prichard; that he is deceased; that she is 90 years of age.]

[fn p. 20: certificate issued by the North Carolina Comptroller general's office indicating payments made to Thomas Prichard during the revolutionary war for military service a certificate is dated August 5, 1846.]