

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Record Primes (Colored) [Primes, Primus] R8486¹ f28NC
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[State of Tennessee, Roane County]
Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, on this 16 day of December 1846 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace for Roane County Court (it being a court of Record), Primes (a free man of colour) a resident of Roane County, State of Tennessee aged eighty six years 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 June 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer and acted in the capacity of waiter to Col. Thomas Carson from Roain [sic, Rowan] County N. C. in the year 1777; marched to Charleston S. C. where he was taken prisoner, taken to Camden and was paroled together with Col. Carson and others; when affiant and the balance of them violated their parole; Joined the American army again at Salisbury; was retaken by the British at the Gum Swamp in S. C.; was released by Gen. Marion [Francis Marion] at Pee Dee [Pedee] Marsh; from there to the head of Catawba; Joined the American Army under Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates]; was in the Battle of Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], which was in August 1780 where affiant was wounded on the head; [he] thinks he was attached to Capt. Garter's company; then was marched to N.C.; was attached to Col. Williams' [James Williams'] Regiment; was in the Battle of Kings Mountain on __ day of 1780 [October 7, 1780]; in this [service] your [deponent] got acquainted with Capts Abbott, LeRoy & Lock [Francis Locke], the latter of whom was killed at the widow Torren's by the British and Tories. [He] knew Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] well. [A]fter the Battle of Kings Mountain [he] went back to the Interior [&] joined the brigade commanded by Gen. Morgan [Daniel Morgan]; was in the Battle at the Cowpens which was fought about __ January 1781 [January 17, 1781] where we defeated the British under Col. Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] and took several prisoners; then expected a junction with Genl. Greene [Nathanael Greene]; was in the Battle at Guilford Court House N. C. on the __ day of __1781 [March 15, 1781], he marched to Eutaw Springs where we whipped the British and Tories about the __day of May 1781 [sic, September 8, 1781]; then effected a junction with the main army under Genl. Washington; was at the siege of York Town in Virginia; was present when Cornwallis surrendered which took about the __day of October 1781 [October 19, 1781]; after which time he was discharged after serving at least Four years without any intermission; a portion of his time under Capt. Garter and a portion under Capts.

¹ A note on the cover page reads: "Pensioned as named above, erroneously. He gave no surname."

Abbott & Lock was in constant and active service all the [time] without intermission and 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 on the day & date above.

S/ Primus, his mark

S/ Joseph Nicholson, J. P. Roane County

State of Tennessee, Roane County

I John Wright, residing in the county and state aforesaid hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Primes who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that I believe him to be Eighty six years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & I concur in that opinion.

S/ John Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 16th day of Dec. 1846

S/ Joseph Nicholson, J. P.

[James S. Hall, 56, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[William E. Pope, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Roane County:

On this 11th day of September 1848 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the justices of the peace for Roane County, Samuel Evans² aged 82 who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he was acquainted with Primes the foregoing applicant for a Pension, that he has seen him in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War on several occasions, that the said Primes acted in the capacity of waiter to Colonel Carson and what makes him more certain of the fact that Primes is the identical Primes who served in that capacity him and the said Primes got into a fight about their horses affiant being attached to the cavalry under Colonel Washington [William Washington], this circumstance must have taken [place] in 1777 or 1778, as to the details of the services rendered by Primes he cannot State but doubts not but he served as he states.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 11th September 1848

S/ R. D. Duncan, JP

S/ Samuel Evans, X his mark

[Facts in the file: The veteran died December 1848 or January 1849. He left no widow, but one son, Primes, Junior, survived him. The name of the veteran's wife is not given in the file. In 1853, his son, Primes, was living in Roane County Tennessee.]

[p 10: The claim was rejected with the following note: "Printed list of 1852 gives cause of suspension – 'For further proof from the North Carolina records.' "]