

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Prince R8487

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State of Georgia } SS
County of Habersham }

On this the twelfth day of November 1840 personally appeared Before me Gabriel Lisk a judge of the Inferor Court of Habersham County State of Georgia John Prince Senior a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged Ninety Six years, who being first Duely 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 Draughted Militia man under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated he was Draughted for a three month tour in North Carolina Chatham County and served under Col. Colier [probably John Collier] and Maj'r John Nalls Capt Johnston [sic: Joseph Johnson] Lieutenant John Brewer and Ensign Daniel in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty marched to the Gum Swamp and joined Gen'l. Gates's army, then under the command of Gen'l. Dekab and Gen'l. Butler. [See note below.] When they came to head quarters in organizing the subaltern officers he was apointed Orderly Sergant of the Company and served in that Capacity he cannot tell how long from old age and the consequent loss of memory, But sais that according to the best of his recollection he served not less than one month as orderly Sergent and was in the Battle at Gen Gates Defeat and the army was broken up and scattered and their term expired before the ware embodied and was dismissed by their Company officers without any formal discharge. and in July one thousand seven hundred and eighty two he was Draughted again and served three months as a private under Capt Wm. Golston and Lieutenant Dillard Col [Ambrose] Ramsey Maj Griffies marched to Ramseys ferry and was kept scouting through Camdan County [sic: Camden District SC] after the tories except on [one?] scout to fayetteville [NC] then Back to Camdon and their term expired and was dismissed by their Captain.

he states that he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service: therefore he has no other means of of Establish his claim only by his own oath

He answers to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department as follows

1 Born in Virginia Prince George County in the year 1744 October the 3rd Day. 2nd The record of his age is Distroyed But has a Duplicate. 3rd [When first called to service he lived] in Chatham County North Carolina after the Revolution Removed to Union County North Carolina then to Georgia Habersham County where he now resides 4th Was Draughted Both tours 5th [Regular officers where he served were] Ge'l Gates Ge'l Dekalb

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.

[signed] John Prince Pat[?]

NOTE: Baron de Kalb commanded the Southern Division of the American Army on its march from the North to Hillsborough NC, and Gen. John Butler commanded the North Carolina Militia. Gen. Horatio Gates took command of the combined armies at Hillsborough on 14 June 1780. Prince appears to have joined this army shortly before it arrived at Gum Swamp about 6 mi N of Camden SC, site of Gates's defeat at the Battle of Camden on 16 Aug 1780.