

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Brampton Hitchcock R8489 Elizabeth Pritchard¹

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State of Virginia City of Richmond SS

On this the 9th day of November 1846 before me George P Crump a Justice of the peace in and for the City aforesaid personally appeared Elizabeth Pritchard a resident of the City aforesaid aged Seventy-six years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1838 – That she was the widow of Brampton Hitchcock deceased who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution & who served as she verily believes during the whole of the War, for she has heard the said Brampton Hitchcock state frequently that he was in service from the commencement of the Revolutionary War to the close of it and although she is unable to set forth the different engagements he was in yet there is one that she remembers of hearing him speak viz. – a place called Redbank or Red Hook – having married her said husband several years after the close of the war she did not take that interest in the matter to make her fully acquainted with the events &c &c connected with his service. She knows, however, that at some time during the war he was in Colonel Lamb's Regiment of artillery of New York for she has visited Colonel Lamb's house in company with the aforesaid Brampton Hitchcock after she was married to him and heard them converse of the difficulties & hardships they had to encounter during the Revolutionary Struggle. She thinks also that she recollects the names of 2 of his lieutenants – viz. – Campbell & Lawrence – that she was married to the said Brampton Hitchcock in the year 1790 in Burlington State of New Jersey by a Magistrate named Horne, that her Bible containing the family record has been stolen or lost, but she has in her possession a ease of canvas on which the date is marked in which her oldest child was born, which was marked by the said child in her 7th year who died at the age of 14 and she has kept it ever since that period. That the said Brampton Hitchcock died in the year 1799 and she came to the state of Virginia (after residing a while in Philadelphia & New Jersey) in 1802 and was married to John F Price who died in the year 1813, that she was again married in 1814 to Abraham Prichard who died in the month of December in the year 1837, whose widow she has been ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Elizabeth Pritchard



¹ former widow

Geo. P. Crump, JP

I furthermore certify that I am credibly informed that Mrs. Pritchett above named is dependent on the Baptist Church (of which he is a member) for a support and that although I do not know her as being the widow of Brampton Hitchcock deceased (with whom I had no acquaintance) yet I have into higher confidence in the fact, & that the statement set forth in her foregoing Declaration relative to the services of said Hitchcock is true, that from old age & infirmity it would be inconvenient for her to attend in Court. That I have seen the peace of canvas alluded to in her Declaration and believe from its ancient appearance that it is correct in what it purports to be. Given under my hand this 9th day of November 1846 – the year 1791 is marked as being the year in which the child was born.

S/ Geo. P. Crump, JP

[Facts in file: Brampton Hitchcock and Elizabeth Parker were married August 18, 1783 according to the private register kept by James Craft, Senior; the same record notes the death of Elizabeth Parker's mother on October 15, 1782 and the marriage of her father Adam Parker to Elizabeth Pierson on February 23, 1783. All the foregoing is according to a letter from Mrs. J E Welch dated July 19, 1847 sent from "Burlington"[New Jersey]; in which letter Mrs. Welch makes note that her father, James Craft Senior made the register from February 21, 1767 through May 23, 1785.

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I Elizabeth Prichard now a resident of Richmond City Virginia do hereby most solemnly certify that I am the identical person spoken of in the forewarning letter of Mrs. J E Welch as Elizabeth Parker who married Brampton Hitchcock (a Soldier of Colonel Lamb's Regiment of artillery during the Revolutionary War) and as I have stated in my declaration now on file in the pension office in Washington that I was married to the said Hitchcock in 1790 will state in addition, the reason of this discrepancy, to wit, until I saw the forewarning letter I had no data to govern me except that marked on the piece of canvas now filed as aforesaid containing the words the is "Peggy Hitchcock wrought this in the 7 year of her age 1791 and thinks that the 1791 was entered the year she was born. I made all my calculations as to my own age & my marriage accordingly – knowing that it was about one year after I was married before the said Peggy was born. I also certify that my said husband Brampton Hitchcock was from Connecticut. I think from Cheshire, and believe he had a Brother by the name of Jotham who was also in Lamb's Regiment with him.

S/ Elizabeth Prichard

[p 58: Copy of a marriage bond issued to Brampton Hitchcock and Abraham Rand in Burlington, New Jersey on August 21, 1783 conditioned upon the marriage of Brampton Hancock to Elizabeth Parker.]

[Note: Based on the contents of this file, it is not clear to me why this veteran's file has been indexed by the National Archives among the Virginia veterans. It does not appear from any of the documentation in this file that this veteran served from or in Virginia or any of the other Southern States. I believe the only reason this is indexed in Virginia is that the widow was living there at the time she made application for a pension and that when and where her former husband rendered service during the revolution was not clearly stated. It appears most likely that he served from either Connecticut, New Jersey or New York.]