

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Pruett R8505

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State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: Be it remembered that on this first Monday and 4th day of May 1840 personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the County Court of Bledsoe now sitting at the Courthouse in the town of Pikeville Micajah Pruett, a resident Citizen of the County of Bledsoe and State of Tennessee aged about seventy-three years and ten months 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 under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated to wit –

That he was drafted by regular authority from the State of Virginia and entered the service of the United States about the first of February 1781 in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia and that he entered said service as a private soldier in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Thomas McReynolds in the Battalion commanded by Major James Decloman [perhaps a mistake in reference to Christian Charles de Klauman], And in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Merriwethers [perhaps a mistaken reference to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Meriwether]. That he was ordered and immediately marched from the County of Bedford under the officers aforesaid to Petersburg in Virginia. And from thence to a place called Cabin Pine [perhaps a mistaken reference to Cabin Point on James River]. And from there to a place called Moppins hills [perhaps a mistaken reference to Malvern Hills], where he was Stationed for the space of 6 or 8 weeks. From Moppins hills he was ordered and marched to York town in the State of Virginia, And from York town he was ordered home, and discharged on or about the first of June 1781, he having been in actual service of the United States about the space of four months. That he received a written discharge from his Captain the aforesaid Thomas McReynolds. That he resided with his mother for some years after he was so discharged, with whom he deposited his said discharge for safekeeping. That his mother Said discharge in her house until some years after when her house was burned down, and said written discharge consumed together with said house.

Affiant further states that he remained at home after he was so discharged as aforesaid for about the space of 6 or 8 weeks. And then was drafted again. And entered the service of the United States the second time on or about the 15th of July 1781 in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia. And that he served as a private soldier in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Jeremiah Yearley in a Battalion commanded by Major James Decloman and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Merriwethers. The Major and Colonel being the same officers under whom he had served the first tour. That he was ordered to march and did march from Bedford County in the State of Virginia to Petersburg and from there to York town and from York to New cassel [Newcastle?] on Parmuca [Pamunkey] River where he remained in

Cantonement [sic] for the space of three or four weeks. After which he was regularly ordered home, and discharged, as well as he can at this distance of time recollect, on or about the 12th of October 1781 having been in actual service of the United States the last tour three months and five days as near as he can now recollect. That he received a written discharge from his Captain the aforesaid Jeremiah Yearley, which last mentioned discharge was also consumed together with his other one at the burning of his Mother's house in the manner hereinbefore stated. That he was in the actual service of the United States as before stated two different tours amounting in all when taken together to the space of at least seven months as he verily believes if not more.

And he further hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and further declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State whatever –

Affiant further states that all the documentary evidence which she ever had of his said service was his discharges aforesaid, which have been lost as before stated, and consequently cannot be produced now. That he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the performance of the services hereinbefore specified and for which he claims a pension.

Affiant further states, upon interrogatories being put to him by the court, That he was born in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia in the year of our Lord 1765, but that he does not know on what day, that he has no record of his age, nor ever has seen one. But that his mother often told him he was born in the year 1765. That he was living with his mother in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia as before stated at the time he entered the service of the United States, that he has lived since the termination of service in the County of Bedford in Virginia – Surry [County] in the State of North Carolina – Union district in South Carolina – Iredell County in the State of North Carolina – Anderson County in the State of Tennessee, and now lives in Bledsoe County and State of Tennessee. That he was drafted as before stated. That he is unable to state the names of any of the Regular officers except one general who was called General DeMarcus [Lafayette] and [indecipherable word] Militia officers herein before stated. That he received 2 written discharges from his captains and were lost as he before stated. That he is personally known to James T. Nanney and Samuel Cathey – all of whom can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

That there is no clergyman in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted or to whom he is in any wise known.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/Micajah Pruett, X his mark

[James T Nanney and Samuel Cathey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 12: On March 3, 1853 in Bledsoe County Tennessee, Tamzey Harden gave testimony that she is the child of Micajah Pruett, a revolutionary war soldier and she executed a power of attorney authorizing her attorney to pursue the claim of her father.]