

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Prather S17030

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United States Treasury Department SS

Declaration for the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the revolution

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Thomas Prather of Salt Creek in the County of Jackson in the State of Indiana do hereby declare that in the summer of the year 1776 at Wills [sic, probably Wilkes County] Court house at the Mulberry fields [sic, now Wilkesboro North Carolina] in the State of North Carolina I entered in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the war of the revolution and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Cleveland's company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Armstrong of the North Carolina line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1826 on the pension list of the United States. Signed as aforesaid by me by the name of

S/ Thomas Prather

[William Crenshaw and William Marshall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Before me Joseph Hanna one of the Justices of the peace of in and for the County of Jackson in the State of Indiana the same as aforesaid the same declarant Thomas Prather therein named and by whom the foregoing declaration was made and subscribed as aforesaid personally appeared and made oath that the same said declaration and the matters and things therein contained are true in substance and matter of fact. And he also further makes oath that he was discharged from the service in the Army of the war of the revolution (as in said declaration mentioned) about 6 months after its termination as in said declaration mentioned or the conclusion of peace between the United States and Great Britain at Burke courthouse on the Catawba River in the State of North Carolina by Colonel Povard [sic, Brevard?] and Captain Fall who were authorized for that purpose. And the said Thomas Prather further makes oath that he has lost the certificate of his discharge aforesaid by time during which it became old and was thereby so corroded and wasted away so rotten as to become destroyed or by accident of some kind unknown to the said Thomas and without his neglect or fought and that he the said Thomas has forgotten the number of the Regiment in which he served as in his foregoing declaration mentioned by him by reason of the lapse of time and is very old age And in testimony of all which the said Thomas subscribes his

name there to and swears to the same this 3rd day of October 1828.

S/ Thomas Prather

[Sally Wilson "of lawful age" gave testimony in support of the claim of Thomas Prather in which she states that she lived in the household of Thomas Prather for about 17 years until she was 26 years of age and that during the time she lived there she often heard Thomas Prather talk of his papers and saw them as they related to his service in the revolution.]

[fn p. 41: on November 18, 1828, the Third Auditor's office certify that the name of Thomas Prather cannot be found on the list of those who received the \$80 certificate for service in the North Carolina line.]

State of Indiana Jackson County: On this 4th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable John F. Ross president Judge of the 2nd judicial circuit of the State of Indiana & judge of the Jackson circuit Court now sitting, Thomas Prather, a resident of Jackson County Indiana aged 76 years 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 he was born 26th March 1756 in Prince George Maryland, agreeable to the record of his father, he lived in North Carolina at the Mulberry fields at the time he was called into service, after peace was made he removed to Smith River Henry County Virginia, and there resided until October 1789 from there removed to Kentucky having County & in the year 1805 at which place he resided until the year 1817 at which time he removed to his present residence in Indiana, he volunteered into the Service in September 1776 he continued during the war joined the Army under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Armstrong, Captain Cleaveland [sic, Cleveland] & Lieutenant Lenore [sic William Lenoir], Ensign Benjamin Elidge [sic] from the Mulberry fields we marched to the flowery Gap where we joined the Virginia troops, we marched down Swannanoa & crossed French Broad River, from there we marched to the Tennessee River, against the Cherokee Indians at which time & place, there were 1500 men chosen to go & take & destroyed the Indians at Valley Town on the Hiwassee River of which number he was one, our officers were General Rutherford, Colonel Love & Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] after performing this service by destroying the Indian villages on the Hiwassee we then returned to our Army on the Tennessee River, from there we marched on to the Catawba River, from thence to King's Mountain where we had a battle from thence we marched to Reddies [sic, Reedy?] River in North Carolina where we was stationed for 9 months to guard the frontiers from thence to the Catawba our place of rendezvous at which place we was discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis in October 1781 under Colonel Pevard [sic, Brevard] -- he has no documentary evidence of his discharge. And that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service he is well known in his present neighborhood by Captain James Woodmansee & Joseph Hanna Esquire who will testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution 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 & subscribed the day & year first above written.

S/ Thomas Prather

[James Woodmansee & Joseph Hanna gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana Jackson County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Jackson State of Indiana Thomas Prather who being duly sworn, deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for one year and 9 months under Colonel Rutherford the first tour of service, 6 months under Colonel Brevard and also 3 months under Colonel Holmes & Captain Reed all the time as a private soldier. This last mentioned tour was not recollected in making out my first Declaration I was stationed the last 3 months named at Ramsour's Mill. And for such services I claim a pension.

S/ Thomas Prather

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 20th day of May 1833

S/ Wm Williams, JP