

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Prince S18168

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South Carolina Greenville District} On this the ninth Day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting Henry Prince a resident of the District of Greenville in the State of South Carolina aged eighty-four 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- entered the service some time previous to the siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781]¹ in South Carolina under Captain John Collins who commanded a company of scouts also served under Captain Parsons [sic, probably Henry Pearson], Captain William Wood [sic, Moses Wood], Captain Thomas [sic, probably John Thompson] -- did not leave the service until the war was closed -- is certain that he served more than one year all together -- did not serve regularly and continually from the time he entered the service was at the siege of Ninety Six under General Greene [Nathanael Greene], at the siege of Augusta² under General Clark [Elijah Clarke] was marched from Ninety Six to Augusta under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] -- lived in Spartanburg when he volunteered -- Volunteered during the war -- marched through Abbeville District on into Georgia -- was a part of the time under Captain Samuel Earle who commanded a company of Rangers in the upper part of South Carolina does not recollect the names of any Continental regiments or officers other than those already stated except Colonel Anderson [Robert Anderson] with whom he served some time has no documentary evidence of his services -- he can procure the testimony of John Collins³ and William Crabwell [sic, William Caldwell?⁴] as to his services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State -- was born in Virginia, raised in Frederick County -- was born in the year "49" -- has a record of his age at his sons William Prince in Rutherford North Carolina -- lived in Spartanburg during the War and has lived ever since in Greenville District where he now resides -- he volunteered as stated before -- never received a discharge -- he is known in his present neighborhood to Mr. Solomon, Colonel Austen -- Judge Cock and many others who can testify to his character for

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

² Siege of Augusta [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

³ [John Collins S8248](#)

⁴ [William Caldwell W22727](#)

veracity and good behavior and service as a soldier of the revolution.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ J. McDaniel, CCP

S/ Henry Prin [sic]



[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, & B F Perry [could be Pevy or Pry] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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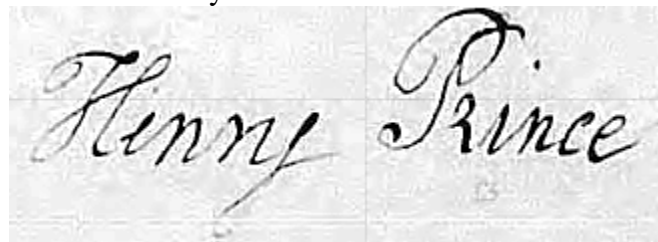
South Carolina Greenville District}

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of Greenville Henry Prince who being duly sworn deposeseth & 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 -- He entered the service in the spring of 1780 under Captain John Thomas and served not less than two months as a private -- For a month he served under Captain Parsons as a private -- For twelve months he served under Captain John Collins as a private -- entered under Captain Collins in March 1781 and left in March 1782 -- he also served under Captain Wood and Captain Earle for short periods, but claims a pension for only the 15 months service above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed this the 24th of June 1833

S/ J. McDaniel, CCP

S/ Henry Prince



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South Carolina Greenville District}

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the Peace in and for the District of Greenville, Henry Prince who being duly sworn makes oath that he does not see any discrepancy between his first and amended declaration. In the one he says that he "is certain that he served more than one year", and in the other he says he served "fifteen months" which is the precise time he did serve and for which he claims a pension -- excluding the short services rendered under Captains Earle & Woods -- he volunteered under Captain Collins the spring of 1781 and was with him at the siege of Ninety Six and also at the Siege of Augusta -- At the siege of Ninety Six he was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Anderson. He continued under Collins 12 months, and a part of this time, was employed in Spartanburg protecting the frontiers

from the Indians and Tories -- He knows that the officers under whom he served were regularly called into service -- the corps in which he served were supported and maintained by the State of South Carolina as a part of her militia -- He knows that he served the length of time stated above whether he ever receives a pension for the same or not -- He never received a cent for all of his services during the revolution -- And whilst at the siege of Augusta the Tories plundered his family of everything he had in the world --

Sworn to & subscribed this November 17 1833

S/ Richard Thurston, JQ

S/ Henry Prince

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 27, 1835.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Henry Prince AA22
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 6131

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[No.] 3379

[No.] 75

[Book] X

19 July 86 [1786]

Henry Prince, 45 head Cattle, for use of General Morgan's Army in 1781 and private on Horse from 1st May to 1st September 1781

Amount	<u>£181</u>
Sterling	£26.17.1 ½

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina Dr.

to Henry Prince

1781	To 5 head of Beef Cattle for	
December the 20 th	the Use of General Morgan's Army	£.S.D.
	At £13 per Head	65.0.0

for which I had a Receipt from a Deputy Commissary
which was since Destroyed by the Enemy

1781	To Personal Service from May the 1 st till September the 1 st as a Private on Horseback at 20/ per Day
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⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [ENTER ON-LINE RECORDS INDEX](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Individual" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

Both Days Included 123 Days

£123.0.0

96 District} Henry Prince made Oath before me that the above Account of 65 pounds for 5
Beasts for the use of General Morgan's Army & £123 for personal Service under the Command
of Captain Moses Wood is Just

Sworn the 29th of May 1783

Before me

S/ Robert Anderson, JP


S/ Henry Prince

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Prince". The ink is dark and the background is slightly grainy.

I do Certify that the Above Duty was done under my Command & No Account was made of it in
my Pay Bill

Certified the 29th of May 1783 pr

S/ Moses Wood, Captain

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moses Wood Captain". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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Received full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3379, X, per Order


S/ Robert Prince

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Prince". The signature is written in dark ink with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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Received of Henry Prince Accounts & Vouchers for £188, which I promised to Deliver to the
Auditor's Office to be Audited 29th of May 1783

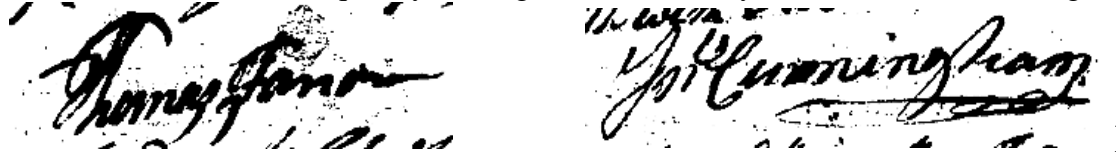
S/ Robert Anderson

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[p 6: Order dated December 20, 1786 [last digit unclear] from Henry Prince asking the South
Carolina Commissioners of the treasury to deliver his indents to Robert Prince.]

[p 7: form of Indent No. 3379, X dated 19th July 1786.]

[p 8: reverse of Indent No. 3379, X bearing an assignment of it by Henry Prince to Major Thomas Farrar and subsequently bearing endorsements by Farrar and John Cunningham

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The signature on the left is 'Thomas Farrar' and the signature on the right is 'John Cunningham'. Both are written in a fluid, historical style.

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[No.] 3677

No. 114

[Book] X

15 Sept. 1786

Henry Prince for Militia duty since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return


[old South Carolina] Currency	£30
Stg. [Sterling]	£4.5.8 ½

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3677, X, per Order
S/ Robt. Prince

[p 12: form of Indent No. 3677, Book X dated September 15, 1786.]

[p 13: reverse of Indent No. 3677, X bearing assignment by Henry Prince [same signature as above] to Major Thomas Farrar and likewise bearing signatures of Thomas Farrar, John Cunningham and Thomas Henderson

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads 'Thomas Henderson'.

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

Your Petitioner Respectfully Sheweth that in the course of the Revolutionary war he enlisted under General Pickens as a Private, and by his orders in the year 1780 or 81 was taken to the Siege of Augusta and while engaged there the common Enemy of his country came to his Plantation which now lies in Spartanburg District and from that Plantation took two Horse Beasts one of them worth about one hundred dollars the other worth about fifty dollars as also at the same time took from his house all his Family's Bed Clothing and Wearing Apparel which at a very Moderate Price was worth Fifty Dollars.

Your Petitioner further Sheweth that he is now an infirm man of 76 years of age and that his circumstances now press him to call upon you for pay for the above stated property which he has long laid out of the use of and Hopes that your Honorable Body will not refuse him pay for and your Petitioner as in duty Bound will ever Pray.

6th November 1824

S/ Henry Prince [same signature as above]

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South Carolina Spartanburg District } I do hereby Certify that the above petition of Henry Prince Senior is Just & true to the best of my knowledge. Given under my hand this 28th September 1825

S/ John Collins Capt.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Collins". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized, typical of the early 19th century.

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of Henry Prince beg leave to report

That we have Examined the same and find no vouchers accompanying his Petition and therefore would beg leave to recommend that the prayer of his Petition be rejected

December 3rd 1824

S/ John K Griffin, Chairman

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The Committee on Claims to whom was Referred the Petition of Henry Prince Praying payment for Property lost during the Revolutionary War

Beg leave to report

That they have duly considered the same from which it appears that the Petitioner as well as many others may have lost Property as stated in his Petition, but as your committee deem it impolitic, and unsafe to legislate on those subjects, They do respectfully recommend that the Prayer of the Petitioner be rejected

December 1st, 1825

S/ John K Griffin, Chairman