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Pension application of Samuel Pruitt S21432

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared before me James A. Black a Justice of the Quorum in and for the District aforesaid, Samuel Pruitt a resident in Abbeville District South Carolina aged eighty-two 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. That he entered the service with Captain William Bethel and was attached to the Regiment commanded a Colonel Cooke that he entered the service about the first of July 1780 and left the service about the last of August 1780 that he was a drafted Militia man for a three months tour to aid General Gates in relieving South Carolina, that he resided in Rockingham County North Carolina at the time that he was not in the battle where Gates was defeated but that they had rendezvoused at their muster ground in Rockingham County & marched on to join General Gates but were not able to reach the Main Army in time to be engaged those in hearing of the battle & met the retreating Army in half a mile of the battle ground, that they went with the retreating Army to Charlotte & from there to Salisbury where they were verbally discharged & marched under their Captain into their own County & disbanded having been in service about 2 months at this time. That he was again drafted as a militia man under Captain Nelson Colonel Cook commanded the Regiment about the 15th of February 1781 and joined the General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] near the Dan River and remained with him until a few days before the battle at Guilford when he was detached with the rest of his company to Haw River to guard a fording [sic, a ford] that they again joined General Greene & the Main Army at Speedwell's iron works the day at the battle, that they followed the retreating British Army to Ramsey's Mill on Deep Creek, that they then marched into South Carolina near Camden and had a battle in April at a place called Hobkirks Hill Lord Rawdon commanding the British as he believes, that he was discharged from the service & was gone about 4 months or nearly so.

That he was again drafted and set out about the first of August 1781 under Captain Philips and was sometimes under the command of General Butler & sometimes under General Rutherford, that they rendezvoused at Wake Court house in the State of North Carolina and from there they marched to Cross Creek from there he marched to Wilmington, thence they started to assist in taking of Lord Cornwallis and got as far as Halifax on Roanoke River when they heard of the surrender of Cornwallis & were dismissed that he got a discharge -- which is lost -- with all other papers which might be of use to him now, that he was gone in this tour about 3 months, that he was acquainted with General Morgan & a Colonel Washington while in service but from

age and not being a scholar he has forgot much of the times and men with whom he was acquainted and knows of no man who was acquainted with him during the Revolutionary war but his brother Joshua Pruitt<sup>1</sup> whose oath is herewith sent.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Samuel Pruitt, X his mark

[Arthur Williams, a clergyman, and Cador Gantt Esquire gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Abbeville district: Personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice Samuel Pruitt aged eighty-two years and on his oath saith that he did enter the service of the United States (as set forth in the accompanying declaration) on the 28th day of June 1780 and served under Captain William Bethel (as set forth in the declaration) until the 30th day of August 1780 - - having served in that tour 2 months & 2 days --

That he entered the service under Captain John Nelson on the 15th day of July 1781 & served with him under General Gates until the 20th of June 1781. --

And that he also entered the service with Captain Phillips on the first day of August 1781 and served until the 25th day of November 1781 having served in all 10 months and one day.

Sworn to and subscribed the 16th day of May 1833 before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Samuel Pruitt, X his mark

Answer to the Question marked in the brief with red ink (as not answered satisfactorily)

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born

Answer

I was born in James City County in the State of Virginia near the town of Williamsburg in the year 1751 –

Question 2nd have you any written record of your age & if so where is it.

Answer

I have not but expect my age is on the Church Register at Williamsburg I am only governed by what my parents told me.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th day of May 1833 before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Samuel Pruitt, X his mark

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: Personally came before me the subscribing Justice Joshua Pruitt aged 81 and oh oath saith that he was well acquainted with Samuel Pruitt the applicant during the revolutionary war that to his knowledge he was in the service that he did see the said Samuel Pruitt in the service in the month of March 1781 and he does verily believe that the said Samuel Pruitt served as he states.

Sworn to and subscribed this 16th day of May 1833 before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Joshua Pruitt, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> Probably, FPA S39027