

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Ephraim Price S31919
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Declaration to obtain the benefits of an act of Congress passed 7 June 1832.

State of Georgia, Greene County - on this the thirtieth day of August personally appeared before the Honorable, the Inferior court of the county of said county, Ephraim Price, a resident of this county and state aforesaid, aged 70 years, who first being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the promise made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th, 1832. That he entered in the service of the United States in a volunteer company in the County of Sussex, Virginia, under the command of George Reives, sometime he thinks, in September 1775. "We were marched by Capt. Reives from Sussex Courthouse to Jamestown, Virginia, to prevent meet the British under Gov. Dunmore, who had retired from the seat of Government at Williamsburg to this place (Jamestown) when hostility had first commenced in this quarter of the country. When our company had reached Jamestown, we found that the British had left the place, and we were marched back again home and discharged, after an absence from home in service about 3 weeks."

He further states that he volunteered again under Capt. M_ Wall about the 1st of December of the same year 1775. "Our company rendezvoused at Sussex Courthouse together with several other companies, where Col. David Mason took command of us and marched us immediately to Norfolk where the British fleet had assembled. We arrived at Norfolk on this 24th day of December . On the first day of January 1776, the British set fire to the city. We remained at Norfolk about 3 weeks after the burning of this city and were then marched to a place called the Great Bridge, where we remained about 3 weeks longer, after which we were marched home and discharged, after a tour of about 10 weeks."

He further states that he does not recall the name of any of the officers except those that he has mentioned.

He further states that he volunteered again under Capt. George Reives sometime about the 1st of June, 1776, and was marched by him to Little York, where several companies had rendezvoused for the purpose of keeping the British from landing, he thinks. When they arrived, they were taken command of by Col. John Ruffin "We remained at this place (Little York) about 3 months" as well as he can recollect, after which we were marched home and discharged.

He further states that sometime about the first of the year, 1777, he was drafted (in Northampton County, NC) where he had removed from Virginia, for 3 months, under Capt. John Power, 1st Lt Pritchett, the company to which he belonged was attached to Col. Joseph Hawkins Regiment of North Carolina Militia. We reconnoitered the country about Tarborough, Kingstown, Smithfield, and in the lower part of North Carolina, against the British and Tories. He does not recollect this country through which he marched, as the regiment to which he belonged was continually in motion for the 3 months for which he was drafted. In this tour he was in no general engagement, except some skirmishes with the Tories. After having served 3 months, he was discharged and returned home.

He further states that there is no living testimony in this state as he knows of, neither has he any documentary evidence by which he can substantiate the above statement of facts. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day and year above written.

Ephraim Price

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Vincent Sanford Clk

Questions by the court -

1st Where and what year was you born? Answer - In the State of Virginia, Dinwiddie according to my information in 1762.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer - I have no record of my age.

3rd Just where were you living when you were called into service, where have you lived since the Rev. war and where do you live now? Answer - When I performed the first tour of service as mentioned above I was residing in Sussex County Virginia, when I performed the last mentioned tour of service I was residing in Northampton County North Carolina. I have been residing in the state for fifty years past. I now reside in Greene County Georgia.

4th How was you called into service, were your drafted, did you volunteer, were you a substitute? Answer - I volunteered and was drafted as set forth in the above declaration.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such continental and militia regs as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.? Answer - I believe that Col. Ruffin who commanded the company at York was a continental officer, the general circumstances of my service as with as I can recollect is stated above.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service? Answer - I have rec'd discharges in every instance but they have been lost or mislaid.

Subscribed and sworn to this day and year aforesaid.

Ephraim Price

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