

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Pruitt S32455

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State of Illinois, Madison County

On this fifth day of September personally appeared before the County Commission as Court of the County of Madison, now sitting, Martin Pruitt, a resident of the County of Madison and State of Illinois 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he Volunteered and served in the Company of Spies commanded by Captain William Campbell of the Virginia line under the following named officers.

That he volunteered at Campbell's Station one mile from the seven mile ford of the middle Fork of Holston River in the State of Virginia and he thinks in Washington County in the fall of 1778 and belonged to the Company of Spies commanded by Captain William Campbell, Lieutenant Delaney (the other officers not now recollected) and served as a spy for two years and was stationed at that station and was out in the Indian country on excursions frequently and after the Tories but saw no fighting. That before the battle at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] an express came for troops and they enlisted. William Edmiston [also spelled William Edmondson] Captain and Robin Edmiston [also spelled Robin Edmondson] Lieutenant and Andrew Edmiston also spelled Andrew Edmondson] Ensign and Campbell was promoted Colonel or Major and marched under him to that place where Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] took the command and commanded in the engagement.

He declares that all three of his Company officers were killed in the battle but Furgerson [Patrick Ferguson] the Tory [sic, Ferguson was the only regular British officer at this battle, the other Loyalist officers being either Provincials or militia] was defeated and his troops killed and disbursed. Soon after the battle they returned to their station at Campbell's as the Indians were very troublesome where he served till winter when he was discharged by Colonel Campbell and returned home.

He declares that he served or then two years in the Army of the revolution and left the service in the first part of 1781.

That he resided in Washington County in the state of Virginia when he entered the service.

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 any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Martin Pruitt, X his mark

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State of Illinois Madison County: SS

Personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court of the County of Madison now sitting Martin Pruitt a resident of the County of Madison who first being duly sworn according to law makes the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

He declares that he volunteered at the place stated in his declaration (of the 5<sup>th</sup> of September in the year 1832) in Virginia in the year 1778 but the month he cannot recollect and served in the company of Spies commanded by Captain Campbell and Lieutenant Delaney and served as a private soldier through the remaining part of 1778 and the whole of the year 1779 and a part of the year 1780 sufficient to make a two years campaign and was stationed at Campbell's fort, and frequently made excursions in the Country, was also at the battle of Kings Mountain where his company officers were all killed Captain Campbell having been before promoted. He has no documents to prove his services by nor did he ever receive any discharge. He declares that he knows of no person who was knowing to his service by whom he can prove his services But he is personally known to many of the good citizens of Madison County to wit William Jones a minister of the Gospel who resides in this County and Nathaniel Buckmaster Sure if of the County

Signed and sworn to in open court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833

S/ Martin Pruitt, X his mark

[William Jones, a clergyman, and Nathaniel Buckmaster, Sheriff, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Madison County: SS: Personally appeared in open court Martin Pruitt who being duly sworn makes oath and says 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 grade

For two years I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833

S/ Martin Pruitt, X his mark

[Facts in file: the veteran died February 4, 1841; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia.]