

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Prim (Prime) S32458

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State of Illinois St. Clair County SS

On this 6th day of April 1833 personally came and appeared in open Court before the Honorable Theophilus W Smith Judge of the Circuit Court of St. Clair County State of Illinois Now sitting John Prim a resident of the County of St. Clair & State of Illinois aged eighty-three 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he entered the service in Stafford County Virginia in 1776 or 7 his first service was to march to repel the landing of an armed ship called the *Roebuck*: while the Troops which were making a dissent at William Brent's farm on the Rappahannock [River]. They marched to this place preventing her landing & followed the vessel below boyds hole [Boyd's Hole?], & until she disappeared in the following year he entered the service under Captain Coombs in the Battalion commanded by Samuel Payton Major & Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Montjoy [Thomas Mountjoy] he served in this Regiment of Militia for two months active duty. In this year and served in the years 1778, 1779, 1781 he was at the siege of York under Captain Sharp in the Battalion commanded by Major Walsh [? Welsh, Welch ?] in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Dark [perhaps William Dark or Darke] Virginia Militia Troops one of these Tours he served under Captain Boyles [? Bayler?]¹ in a Battalion commanded by Major Chan, in marching to the siege of York from Stafford County, they marched across the Rappahannock through Fredericksburg, he thinks that the tour in 1778 he had served by a substitute. He left the service after the battle of York and after he had guarded the prisoners surrendered by Lord Cornwallis to Winchester Virginia but received no written discharge he served 4 tours as above stated, he was born in Stafford County in the year 1750 he brought to this country the original record of his age which was transcribed from a small Bible to a larger one which is in his possession he removed from Stafford County Virginia in the year 1801 and came to this County then Territory of Indiana where he has resided ever since he never received any compensation from the United States or State of Virginia for his services.

He knows of no person directly [by] whom he can prove his services.

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.

S/ John Prim



¹ The War Department interpreted this name as Bayler


[Hosea Riggs, a clergyman, and John D Hughes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of St. Clair & State of Illinois John Primm [sic] who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & 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 the year 1777 two weeks and in the year 1778 – three months in 1779 – not less than three months in 1780 one tour of three months in the year 1781 at Cornwallis' defeat not less than three months one of these tours was served by substitute I think 1778, and for such service I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed this 27th day of December 1833 before me

S/ Jos: Green

S/ John Prim

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Prim". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Prim".

[Facts in file: documents in the file indicate that the veteran had 14 sons; neither their names nor the name of his wife of given in the documents in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 14 days in the Virginia militia.]