

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Byrd Prewitt S35576

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State of Kentucky Fayette Circuit Sct. March Term 1828

Byrd Prewitt who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war this day appeared in open court and before the presiding Judges thereof subscribed and made oath to his schedule which was certified by the presiding Judge and ordered to be entered of record in the words and figures following to wit: State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct. On this 26 day of March 1828 personally appeared in open court being the Fayette Circuit Court and a court of record having the power to fine and imprison Byrd Prewitt resident of said County aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 and first March 1823, that he the said Byrd Prewitt enlisted for the term of two years on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 1776 in the County of Campbell and State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Terrill in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Regiment until he was discharged at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania having served out his two years and then afterwards served nine months in the militia; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] and several skirmishes that from the lapse of time he has lost his discharge. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

one saddle and bridle worth	\$10.00
one desk & bookcase	<u>20.00</u>
	\$30.00

That he is by occupation a farmer but from old age and infirmity can do but little that his wife is dead and he now lives with his sons-in-law.

S/ Byrd Prewitt

State of Kentucky Fayette Circuit Court October 14<sup>th</sup> 1830

An additional declaration of Byrd Prewitt who applies for a pension was this day produced and sworn to before the presiding Judge which is ordered to be recorded as follows to wit "State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct. This day came Byrd Prewitt of this County aged 76

years and made the following amended declaration under the instructions of J L Edwards in addition to his original declaration entered of record in this at the March term 1828. He says that about 6 or 7 years ago owing to the death of his wife and some other circumstances of embarrassment in his situation as security for a man he had left the country – he divided most of his property among his children ten in number which consisted of 110 acres of land in Jessamine County of ordinary 2<sup>nd</sup> rate quality and seven slaves old and young expecting in his old age to live more comfortably with them but they are so scattered in this and other states and his condition is so feeble and he is blind that he cannot travel to see them and most of them are totally unable to take care of him if he could travel to them and so in his utmost need he finds himself destitute: As he has before declared he gave his property to his children from his natural affection and with the motives aforesaid and not to avoid the provisions of the Act of Congress under which she asked a pension past one May 1820 and referring back to 18 March 1818 or of any other law nor did he do it with the least design of obtaining a pension. Indeed he had no idea of applying for a pension at the time he made said decision and distribution Norwood he now do so but on account of his destitute and helpless situation. He did not apply earlier because he thought he could live without the bounty of his government and would much prefer to do so. The above recited changes in his property or all except some small articles that he may have used to live upon and perhaps the death of some stock. Witness my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1830

S/ Byrd Prewitt, X his mark

[f p. 19: an affidavit dated February 4, 1831 given in Jessamine County Kentucky by Alexander Dunn, Wm Olds, John Heifner, Harvey Prewitt and Woodson Bryan giving their opinion that the property given by Byrd Prewitt to his children would have the following values:

110 acres of land at \$10 per acre	\$1100.00
[Slaves]	
Jenny a female aged about 75 years of no value & Chargeable on the Hrs [?] for support	00.00
Amy, do aged 45 years valued	\$150.00
Lucy, do aged about 16 years valued	\$300.00
Fanny, do aged about 12 years valued	\$250.00
Mariah, do aged about 18 months value	\$100.00
Abram, Boy aged about 5 years value	\$200.00
Job, Ditto aged about 3 years value	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total value of Slaves	\$1,150.00]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 30, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]