

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Pryor S3747

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State of Tennessee, County of Marion

On this twenty first day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Matthew Pryor, a resident of said County of Marion and State of Tennessee aged Seventy Three 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 is to say as a volunteer under the immediate command of Captain John Douglas, Lieut. Thomas Neeley and Ensign Barnett who belonged to Col. James Williams Regiment who as this applicant understood got a permit from the Governor [Abner Nash] of North Carolina to raise two companies of volunteers in Caswell County N. C. This applicant was immediately after entering the service marched under the before named officers to Kings Mountain and was in the battle called Kings Mountain battle [October 7, 1780] where Col. James Williams was mortally wounded of which wound he died the succeeding day. This applicant was then marched to Moravian Town Stokes County N. C. as one of the guards that had charge of the prisoners taken at the above mentioned battle from whence he returned home and was regularly discharged by Capt. John Douglas under whom this applicant served the whole tour, which discharge is herewith exhibited to accompany this declaration. This was a three months tour. This Declarant further states that some time after the battle at Kings Mountain he entered the service again under the command of Captain Charles Yancey of Granville County North Carolina and was marched to the high hills of Santee where General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was stationed with his Army. This applicant after remaining a few days with Gen. Greene's army was marched back to Guilford Court house and discharged by the above named Capt. Yancey having served four months. This tour, which last mentioned discharge was left with Lieut. Thomas Neeley of Caswell County, N. C., by this applicant to lay before the auditors and this applicant knows not what has become of it or what was done with it. This Declarant further states that he served both the above mentioned tours of duty as a volunteer Horseman and lost his horse in Kings Mountain battle for which he has never been in any manner compensated. This applicant does not recollect the dates when he entered the service or left it except as shown in the accompanying discharge. This Declarant states that he was born in Granville County State of North Carolina on the 15th day of March 1759. He has a record of his age at home taken from the record of his father, but does not bring it into court not knowing when he left home that it was necessary to do so. He entered the service in Caswell County N.C. where he resided at the time and for about two years

after the Revolutionary War ended when he removed to Richmond County State of Georgia where he remained til he made two crops, and then removed to Granville County N. Carolina where he remained about four years, when he removed to Washington County, Virginia, where he resided about six months, whence he removed back to Granville County in N. C. where he resided tow or three years whence he removed to Roan County Tennessee where he resided about fourteen years whence he removed to this (Marion) County where he has resided ever since and still resides.

He entered the service as stated in the body of this declaration, and served and was discharged as herein before stated.

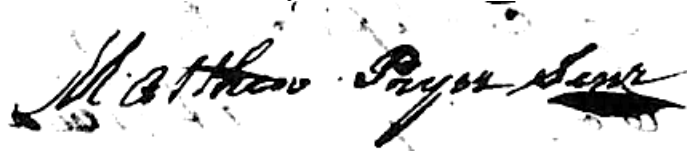
He also states that he is known to David Nelson, a clergyman in his neighborhood and John Townsend, an acting Justice of the peace & David Griffiths, Sr. and David Griffiths, Jr. residing in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He is also known to C. C. James Standefer of Bledsoe County, a member in Congress.

He has no documentary evidence of his services but the before mentioned discharge, nor can he produce any living witness or witnesses without a great deal of trouble & expense, if at all.

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 in the United States.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Matthew Pryor, Senior

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Pryor Senior". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the typed name.

[David Nelms, a clergyman, John Townsend, David Griffith Senior and David Griffith Junior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]