

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Rees Pritchard S38316

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[Poor handwriting and interlining render transcription of the following problematic.]  
State and District of Virginia Hampshire County Sct.

Before me the subscriber [illegible word] and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of law for the County of Hampshire in the State aforesaid on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1818 personally appeared Rees Pritchard aged 74 years resident in the County, State and district aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on Oath make the following declaration for purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provisions made by the late 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." That he was appointed an Ensign in a Company commanded by Captain Abel Westfall, and belonging to the eighth Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, in the said County of Hampshire in the fall of the year 1775 [commission dated 12 Mar 1776] [several illegible words] about the latter end of the year and having raised his quota of men entered into actual service on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1776 that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States untill the month of March 1777 when he on account of certain family misfortunes he was induced to resign his said Commission That he was in the battles of Sulivans Island in South Carolina [at Breach Inlet on Sullivans Island, 21-29 June 1776]

That he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country for a support and that he has no other evidence of his said services in his power except the annexed affidavit of Col McCarty Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

Hampshire County Sct

Personally appeared before me David Parsons a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Col. Edward McCarty [see endnote] & made oath that Rees Prichard was an Ensign in Capt. Westfalls Company of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regement Commanded by Col. Mulenburg [sic: John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg] in the year 1776 & entered the service the 11th of february the same year Given under my hand this 28th May 1818

Hampshire County Va to wit

James Monroe this Day Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County in Virginia and made oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty god, Deposeth and sayeth that in the year of 1776 that he this Deponant saw Rees Pritchard in the Service of the Revolutionary War in the State of North Carolina near the Town of hallifax [sic: Halifax] and then and there understood that he the said Rees Pritchard was Ensign in a Company in the Eighth Virginia Ridgement Comanded by Col. Peter Mulenburg then on their march Southward - after the war determined this Deponant becoming more fully acquainted with the said Rees Pritchard believes him to be the same man as above mentioned and further sayeth not given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1819

Hampshire County Sct

This day Colonel Edward McCarty personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for said County & made oath that he is well acquainted with Rees Pritchard and applicant for a pension under the law of the united states passed 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 that said Rees was attached to Capt. Westfalls Company of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment commanded by Colo. Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg [sic] that said Rees entered the service on the 11<sup>th</sup> Feby 1776 and marched from Romney in said County to join his regiment some time in March 1776. this affiant further states that he was a private in said company & marched with it. that said Rees was an officer in said company & joined in the capacity of an ensign that this affiant never saw said Rees's Commission but believes he had one & knows that he ranked in the army as an ensign in said regt. this affiant knew said Rees in the service untill Aug't. 1776 when said Rees

was left behind the company near Charleston South Carolina Sick. that said affiant believes said Rees did serve upwards of nine months as there was no other ensign attached to said company untill some time in the year 1777. Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1819

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record Reece Prichard aged 76 years in September next resident in Hampshire County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that in the year 1776 he was commissioned as an ensign & served in Captain Abel Westfalls company attached to the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenburg which said Regiment was on the continental establishment that he marched to Williamsburg Virginia, from thence to Suffolk, from thence to Kemps landing [in present City of Virginia Beach], and from thence to Charles Town South Carolina at which place he received a furlough from Col. Peter Muhlenburg and returned to the State of Virginia after serving thirteen months in said Regiment, That he was in the Battle of Sullivans Island previous to his receiving his said furlough, as will more fully appear by his original declaration filed in the War Office & dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1819 upon which he has obtained a certificate of pension, and numbered 12545 and he did solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him 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 him subscribed; That he owns 29 acres of pine land which is very poor and not sufficient to render him a support worth about \$116, that he has a note for \$62 being part of his last years pension and a note for twelve Bushels of Corn worth 50 cts pr. Bushel \$6.00 five head of sheep, and some little household furniture worth altogether not more than \$3.00, that in consequence of old age and the rheumatism he is unable to pursue any profession or occupation in order to produce a support, that he has no family

The following is the amount of Property owned by Reece Prichard

29 Acres of land worth about .....	\$116.00
A Note for Sixty two dollars part of last years pension. ....	62.00
A Note for 12 Bushels corn worth about 50cts pr Bushel. ....	6.00
five head of Sheep purchased with part of my last years Pension.....	6.00
some little household furniture worth altogether.....	<u>3.00</u>
	\$193.00

[signed] Rees Pritchard

NOTE: Edward McCarty was promoted from Private to Sergeant in Capt. Abel Westfall's company on 10 May 1777.