

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Pruitt S39027

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The State of South Carolina

By the Honorable Waddy Thompson one of the Judges of the Court of Equity for the State aforesaid.

Before me, personally appeared Joshua Pruitt who being duly sworn declared under affirmation that he is a citizen of the United States resident in the District of Abbeville -- State aforesaid that he served as a ~~captain~~ private soldier in the Army of the United States under the Continental Establishment for 3 years during the War of the Revolution: that he enlisted under Captain John Nelson, of the 4th Regiment North Carolina Line commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk, in the beginning of the year 1776, and was reduced in 1777 to Lieutenant-Captain Slade's [William Slade's] Company in the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clarke of the North Carolina Line: that he served until the spring of 1779 when he was honorably discharged by Colonel Clarke at West Point: that his discharge was taken from him by Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] a Tory officer near the close of the war & that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Joshua Pruitt, X his mark

By the Honorable Waddy Thompson one of the Judges of the Court of Equity for the State of South Carolina.

Before me personally appeared Hugh Houston¹ who being duly sworn deposed that he was a fellow soldier of Joshua Pruitt's during the war of the Revolution: that the said Pruitt belonged to Nelson's company in the 4th Regiment North Carolina Line when this deponent was enlisted in 1776, that they served together for near 3 years, were together reduced to the first Regiment under Colonel Clarke, & that the said Prewitt always discharged the duties of a soldier faithfully until he was discharged at the expiration of the time for which he enlisted in 1779 at West Point.

S/ Hugh Houston, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office this August 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the Musterroll of the Continental Line of this State in the Revolutionary war that Joshua Prewit a private in Captain Nelson's Company of the 4th Regiment was mustered on the

¹ FPA W8928

first June 1776 for 3 years and that he was discharged on the first June 1779. Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this 21st day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas, being a Court of Record for the District aforesaid, Joshua Pruitt aged about 67 years & a resident in the said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows namely -- in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina troops & in the Company commanded by Captain John Nelson, & [one or more indecipherable words] that he has received a pension commencing on the 8th day of June 1818, the number of the pension certificate being 14590 & having date 8 June 1818.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

Schedule

1 small bay [?] horse	\$10.00
1 bed & a few other articles of household furniture	20.00
3 Hogs	<u>3.00</u>
	\$33.00

The declarant further states that he is a farmer and that bodily weakness infirmities produced by old age incapacitate him from the performance of any labor, and from making exertions which are necessary to gain a livelihood: And that he has a wife to support about 52 years of age who is wholly incapable of doing anything for [four indecipherable words.]

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 22nd March 1821

S/ Joshua Pruewitt, X his mark

Test: S/ Jas. Wardlaw, Clk