

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ransom Pruet (Pruett) (Prewitt) S39029

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District of West Tennessee

On this second day of April 1821 personally appeared in open court, the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Bedford in the State aforesaid, the same being a court of Record, Ransom Pruet aged sixty-seven resident in said County of Bedford, 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 Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820: That he the said Ransom Pruet enlisted for the term of three years in the Spring of the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain John Nelson, in the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark [Thomas Clark] in a line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps for the term of three years at the expiration of which time he was discharged from said service on the North River at West Point in the State of New York. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & that he has no other evidence now in his power, of said services, excepting his own oath, his discharge having been worn out & destroyed by time & accident. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have 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 myself 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 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 whatever.

His occupation is a farmer, but he is now so old & weak in body & mind, that he cannot procure a necessary subsistence by industry in his business. He has living with him a wife named Isabel Pruet who is as old as frail & infirm as himself. And he & she at this time subsist upon the precarious charity of an unfeeling world, And he has no other person now living with him.

Sworn to & declared on in open court this second day of April 1821.

S/ Ransom Pruett, X his mark

S/ Jas McKisick, Clk.

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 21 June 1822

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Ransom

Prewet [sic] a private in Captain Nelson's Company of the 4th Regiment enlisted on the 1st day of June 1776, for three years and was discharged the first day of June 1779.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ William Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 2, 1821, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line for 3 years.]