

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Priest S40292

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State of Ohio Fairfield County SS

On this first day of July A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber an associate Judge in and for said County Personally appeared William Priest aged 64 years next December, resident in said Fairfield County who by me being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision 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" he the said William Priest enlisted in Albemarle County State of Virginia in April two years before the capture of British Army at York [October 19, 1781] under the command of Lord Cornwallis for one-year in the Company commanded by Captain John Roberts, who was appointed Major and the command of the company devolved upon William Purvis of the Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] number not recollected. That he continued to serve in the said Corps, and in the service of the United States until the 7th day of April the year following his enlistment when he was discharged then being under the command of the said William Purvis called Captain whether he was ever regularly commissioned otherwise than as Lieutenant not to him known in said Albemarle County at the Barracks, That by some regulations of Virginia he was in the July succeeding his discharge as aforesaid, he was ordered into service and did join the same Regiment and Company at Albemarle Barracks and continued in the service as he believes of the United States for another year and was discharged on the Potomac River while marching some prisoners into the State of Maryland, That he was during said two years service in no battle, being the first year's station as a guard for prisoners at the said Albemarle barracks and the last year a part of the time at the same place and the residue except the march to the place of discharge at Winchester Virginia in the same service. That he was on a tour of duty as a militia man at Little York at the capture of Cornwallis under the command of Captain William Covington and acted as a part of the guard to march some of the prisoners to Winchester where he was discharged – And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ William Priest, X his mark

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ Elnathan Seafield, Judge Com. Pleas

State of Ohio Fairfield County: SS Court of Common Pleas a Court of Record so made by the Constitution and laws of Ohio, On this 23rd day of June A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court in said County William Priest aged 65 or 66 not positive of his age a resident of said County first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the

revolutionary war as follows. That he was enlisted by John Slaughter in Culpeper County Virginia for one year that he served in the Company at first commanded by Captain Roberts who afterwards was made Major and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor Virginia Regiment the company afterwards was under the command of Captain Purvis or Pirvis the date of his original declaration is the first day of July 1818 and the number of his pension Certificate is 16,908 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. That I am a tanner by occupation and have to work for a living and harder than my ability will and can do about half a man's labor. The family of which I am a part is composed of my widow sister aged about sixty and her Daughter in all who is about 30 years old who has 6 children the eldest a son about 11 or 12 the youngest and infant about one year also the father of the 6 children have left the family & gone to parts unknown to this deponent – Schedule of my property.

S/ William Priest, X his mark

one cow worth	\$12.00
two year old heifer	6.00
a sow & pigs 6	4.50
8 shoats	6.00
one old saddle	4.50
one ax & hoe	1.50
one plough shovel	<u>2.00</u>
	\$36.50
two shoats	2.00

I was broke up and my property all sold from me in Pennsylvania about seven years since when I removed to this County with my widowed sister she having some little property and still has, leaving behind me a number of debts yet unsatisfied, I have paid some since but there yet remains some do there and I owe here to Jacob Rush about \$50.00 and I have not yet received any of my pension and cannot until 4th September, We live on rented land and have no other means of the family and altogether to get a living than by our labor. My sister has 2 horses very old and old wagon 3 cows, 2 heifers, one calf, 8 hogs, 22 pigs, 15 sheep, one Barshear [?] plough, 2 old one shovel plough 3 hoes one ax one chest one table one skillet one pot one oven one skillet one trunk one lovin [?] 2 wheels, one larger wheel, this property I have no right claim to but as we the above mentioned persons make a family I have that [indecipherable word] to state the property to her my sister belonging. The property worth \$38.50.

S/ William Priest, X his mark

The State of Ohio Clark County: SS

The Deposition of Jeremiah Priest¹ of lawful age who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he the said Priest and his Brother William Priest served one year and longer in the revolutionary war the date of the year he cannot recollect under the command of Colonel Taylor

¹ [Jeremiah Priest S8980](#)

and Major Roberts of the United States Army and that the said William Priest [one or more words too faint to decipher] John Slaughter the Ensign of the Company in which they both served and further this Deponent saith not

S/ Jeremiah Priest, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 1, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line.]