

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Proctor S20397

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State of Ohio Richland County: SS

On this 19th day of June 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County and State, and within the 4th circuit of the same personally appeared Daniel Prosser age 75 years a resident in said County & State who being by me 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." That the said Daniel Prosser enlisted in Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania in the company of Captain Henry Heath [Henry Heth] of the Virginia Independent Company. That he did duty as a private in said company for the space of nearly 3 years – that his superior officers were General Han or Hand, Colonel Broadhead, and General he believes McIntosh – that he continued to serve in said company from the time he was enlisted which was in the year 1777 until the summer of the year 1780 when he was honorably discharged from service in Winchester Virginia where his Captain resided – that he believes said company was discharged at Pittsburgh, but that previous thereto he was ordered to Winchester where he received his discharge as aforesaid – that some years since he lost his discharge in consequence of his house being burned – that he was employed principally as a spy against and thinks was in several skirmishes with the Indians – 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 and that he relinquishes all other pensions heretofore granted by the United States.

S/ Daniel Prosser, X his mark

At a court of Common Pleas begun and held at Mansfield in and for the County of Richland and State of Ohio, on the 31st day of March A.D. 1823 Present the Honorable Alexander Harper Esquire President of said Court and the Honorable Robert Beasley, William Patterson and Isaac Osborne Esquire associate Judges of said court on the first day of said Term Isaac Prosser [sic] appeared in open court and made oath to his declaration and schedule thereto attached and file the same which said Declaration and schedule are in the words and figures following to wit
State of Ohio

Richmond County: SS Court of Common Pleas March Term A.D. 1823

On this 31st day of March 1823 personally appeared in open Court, it being by the laws of said State 8 Court of Record, Daniel Prosser age 78 years and upwards, resident in Plymouth Township Richland County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, he was enlisted for the Term of 3 years at Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania in the spring of 1777 in

a company commanded by Captain Henry Heath or Heth of the Virginia Independent company that he served as a private in said company for the space of 3 years, his superior officers during that time being General Hand, Colonel Broadhead and General McIntosh and that the date of his original declaration is on the 19th day of June 1819, no pension having been granted him in consequence of his having no sufficient proof of service, and I the said Daniel Prosser 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 of Property belonging to the said Daniel Prosser necessary clothing and bedding excepted

*One Chest, two Tables, one Spinning Wheel, six Splint Bottom
chairs, six Blue Paper Plates, five small ditto, seven cups
and one ewer, one Tea Pot, one Bowl, one Coffee Pot,
one Tea canister, one Glass Tumbler, one Bottle, seven
Earthen Dishes, seven knives and forks, six Earthen
Crocky, one Bake oven, two small Iron Pots, one large
Iron Pot, two small Iron Kiddles, four tin cups, one
Pitcher, six Iron table Spoons, two salvers, one Dish
two tin pans, one churn, one coffee mill, one Hammer
one Smoothing Iron, one small looking Glass, one Tea
Killer, two Tin buckets, one frying pan, one ~~and~~
five sheep, six old Tea spoons, one old meat axe
and some old Iron
Signed and subscribed in open court Daniel X Prosser
his
the 31st day of March 1823. Elizabeth Prosser Mark*

the said declarant Daniel Prosser on his solemn oath aforesaid further declares that he is by occupation a farmer, that from ill health, disease and the infirmities of old age, he is unable to pursue it that he has a wife, Margaret Prosser aged 60 years who is in tolerable health for her age that his family consist of his said wife and one son Abraham aged 17 years, - he the said Daniel Prosser depending for his support principally upon the labor of his said son that he has also residing in their said family one daughter Elizabeth Prosser aged 19 years and that she supports herself.

S/ Daniel Prosser, X his mark

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State of Pennsylvania County of Allegheny: SS

Before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared William Earle,¹ a resident of the city of Pittsburgh, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, That he, this deponent was well acquainted with Daniel Prosser, who is now an applicant for a pension, in virtue of the act entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That the said Daniel Prosser served with deponent in Captain Heath's Independent Virginia Company in the Continental establishment, in the year 1777. That the last time Deponent saw the said Prosser was at Pittsburgh in 1777 when he the said Prosser went on an expedition as a spy up the Allegheny River in company with Thomas Nicholson and John Hamilton, who were employed as spies and guides, that from information received from Hamilton and others the said Prosser performed his duty faithfully and suffered many hardships and private nations while in the service of the United States. This deponent further saith that he frequently saw the said Prosser performed duty as a Soldier in Captain Heath's Company, in which company Deponent served also, as a private; That it was while at Pittsburgh, the said Prosser was taken from the Ranks and sent by the commanding officer as a strong active enterprising and patriotic young man on the expedition aforesaid: This deponent further saith that he is well assured the services performed by the said Prosser were not state Services, but that he was employed in the United States Service from the year 1777. Whether he was transferred from any other company to Heath's Company this deponent knows not; but he belonged to Heath's Company in 1777. Deponent knows of his own knowledge because he frequently mustered and performed duty with him in said Company.

S/ Wm Earle

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm Earle". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

Sworn and subscribed before me the 19th day of September 1823
S/ Thomas Enoch, JP

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State of Pennsylvania Allegheny County SS

Personally appeared before Robert Beatty a Justice of the peace in & for said County Mathias Shener,² who was sworn according to law, did depose & say that in the year 1777 & 1778 this deponent was a Sergeant in Captain Jas. Sulvins [James Sullivan's] Company of the 13th Virginia Regiment, at which times this Deponent was acquainted with a man by the name of Daniel Prosser a Soldier in Captain Henry Heth's Company under command of General Hand during the time he lay with the troops in Pittsburgh, deponent further saith not. Sworn & subscribed before me this 18th day of March, 1820

S/ Mathias Sheaner

¹ Possibly the same man as William Earle FPA W3231

² Sic, [Mathias Sheanor \(Shaner, Shanor\) S40422](#)

Mathias Shearer

[Facts in file: veteran died August 11, 1829; except as extracted above, the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 31, 1823, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]