

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Primus Jacobs: S41688

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

District of North Carolina SS.

On this first day of November 1819 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the district, 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 act of Congress entitled, "An act too provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said Primus Jacobs enlisted in the month of August 1782, in the said County of New Hanover in the State of North Carolina for the term of eighteen months, in the company commanded by Captain Joseph T Rhodes, of the first regiment in the North Carolina line on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Company until the month of August, as near as he can recollect, in the year 1783, when he was furloughed in Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, & was never after called into service; which furlough he has lost; that he was in no battles, but in some skirmishes, and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

State of N. Carolina}

New Hanover County}

On this fifteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county aforesaid, said Court being unlimited in the amount of its jurisdiction having the power to fine and imprison and keeping a record of its proceedings Primus Jacobs aged about sixty years, resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. In the regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle in the line of the State aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes (the corps unknown) the date of the original declaration being October first one thousand eight hundred and nineteen. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any other 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 eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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.

I have no property either real or personal other than my working tools, necessary clothing and bedding.

I am a cooper by trade and in consequence of having had my shoulder broken am but poorly enabled to pursue. I have in my family a wife and four children; The age of my wife being about fifty five, and my children of the following ages, The first aged twenty four, the second aged twenty two, the third twenty and the fourth sixteen all of whom are able bodied persons from whom I receive but little assistance except that of the youngest of whose labour I receive the [illegible word] benefit.

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NOTE: Primus Jacobs is listed as a "Free Colored Person" in the 1820 federal census for New Hanover County NC.

Pension application of Primus Jacobs : transcribed and annotated by John A. McGeachy from New Hanover County (N.C.) Pleas & Quarter Sessions Minutes, 16 August 1820, volume for May 1820 - September 1825, pages 51-52, C.R. 070.301.9, North Carolina Archives, Raleigh, N.C.

Editorial method: Text is transcribed as found in the court minutes. Some commas have been added to improve the narrative's flow, and paragraph indentions regularized. Corrections and additions made by the transcriber are placed in square brackets.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> [sic] day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, said Court being unlimited in the amount of its jurisdiction, having the power to fine and imprisonment, and keeping a record of its proceedings; Primus Jacobs, aged about sixty years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, in the regiment commanded by Col. Archd Lytle in the line of the State aforesaid, in the company commanded by Capt. Joseph Rhodes (the Corps unknown) the date of the original declaration being October 1<sup>st</sup> 1819, and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any other 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

I have no property either real or personal, other than my working tools necessary clothing and bedding; I am a Cooper by trade and in consequence of having had my shoulder broken, and but poorly enabled to pursue; I have in my family a wife and four children, the age of my wife being about thirty five, and my children of the following ages, the first aged 24; the second 22; the third 20; and the fourth 16; all of whom are able bodied persons, from whom I receive but little assistance, except that of the youngest, of whose labor I receive the entire benefit.

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Addendum to Pension application of Primus Jacobs : transcribed from New Hanover County (N.C.) Pleas & Quarter Sessions Minutes, 13 August 1821, volume for May 1820 - September 1825, page 128, C.R. 070.301.9, North Carolina Archives, Raleigh, N.C.

In conformity to the amendment required, the deponent further states that the value of his working tools is nine dollars and bedding fifteen dollars. Primus Jones