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Pension application of John Privit (Prebit) S41968

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Prebit a private Soldier in Captain Dixon's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 12th day of May 1781 for the term of 12 months and that he left the service of [sic, on] the 26 day of May 1782.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 8th day of April 1828

S/ Wm Hill

The name John Pribit no doubt is misspelled on the Rolls, and ought to have been Privit instead of Pribit.

Given as above

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Iredell County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1828 -

On this 20th day of February 1828 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the County & State aforesaid John Privit resident in said County aged 64 years 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 and 1st May 1820 that he the said John Privit enlisted for the Term of 12 months in the spring of 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Dickson [sic, Tilghman Dixon], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Southern Continental establishment -- that he marched under Captain Dickson from Hillsborough via Salisbury & Charlotte and joined General Green [sic Nathanael Greene] in the State of South Carolina -- that while in that State he served part of the time under Captain Hadley and a part of the time under Captain Bailey that he remained with the Baggage Wagons as one of the Guard during the Battle at the Eutaw Springs and that he continued to serve in said Continental line until the first day of June 1782 when he was discharged from the service at Bacon's Bridge near Charlestown in the State of South Carolina -- that he does not now well recollect under what Captain he was when discharged but he recollects of returning from Bacon's Bridge with Colonel Dixon to Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina who there delivered him his discharge and that he filed his discharge in the office at Halifax that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of North Carolina; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that he did not know the proper manner of

applying -- that sometimes he was induced to believe it would not be granted because he had not been wounded and at others discouraged by those to whom he applied telling him they did not know how to prepare the evidence of his claim and by others telling him it was difficult to obtain -- He further states he is an illiterate man and that he lives in a very retired obscure part of the County and that he was not killed very lately fully apprised of the acts of Congress making provision for men in his situation.

S/ John Privit, X his mark

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 [to wit] 100 acres of poor land one horse beast, 4 sheep, 4 cows, 2 calves, 3 yearling calves, two 2 year old cow beast -- 8 hogs, 10 barrels of corn, 14 geese, 2 ovens half dozen knives & forks & 3 or 4 plates one half dozen cups and 5 saucers -- Declarant further states that he is a farmer by occupation -- that he has been afflicted for many years with Rheumatism which has increased very considerably within the last few years so that he is now unable to labor and to make for himself and wife a daily subsistence as he was want to do. He states that he has been married twice and has had 10 children all of whom have left him -- that his last wife's son resided with him to within a few weeks back -- but that he is now married and left him -- so that he and his wife both of whom are very infirm on now left entirely alone -- Declarant further states that since the 18th of March 1818 he has not traded in any amount -- that he neither owes any obligations or has any due him -- that the horse beast returned in his schedule he bought when a colt in 1822 for \$15 which he discharged with tow linen & some other domestic manufactures together with some personal labor -- he further states that he has never been able to give any of his children any assistance on their leaving him -- that the only material changes which have taken place in his property have been such as would necessarily be by consumption and by the course of nature and that he has now more property than he had in 1818 --

S/ John Privit, X his mark