

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Prestwood S8977

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State of North Carolina, Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October 1832

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting Jonathan Prestwood a resident of said County and State aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in what was then called Cheraw District South Carolina in the fall of the year 1778 that he marched soon after in the Company commanded by Captain Jacob Johnston who resigned shortly after they started after which the Company was commanded by Lieutenant Benjamin Hendricks in the Battalion commanded by Major Robert Lloyd [Robert Lide], that he marched by Georgetown to SeeWee Bay [sic, Sewee Bay] in South Carolina where they were stationed two or three weeks; that he marched from there to Haderly's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point] where they were stationed two or three weeks; that he went from there to Fort Johnston on James Island near Charleston, SC where he remained until discharged having served about four months; that he entered the service again in March 1779 in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Eleby [Thomas Ellerbee] as a drafted Militia man in the Battalion under the command of Major Robert Lloyd [Robert Lide] that he marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina where he was stationed for some time under the command of General William Moultrie, that he marched from there to the Savannah River to a place called Black Swamp, where he stayed but a few days until he was marched to Purisburgh [Purysburg] in S. C. where he remained one week and returned to Black Swamp; from there they marched to Charleston under the command of General Moultrie being closely pursued by the British, that he arrived at Charleston early in May where he remained until about the middle of July where he was discharged, having served about four months. That the Class to which he belonged was called upon again in the month of May 1780 when he marched in the Company commanded by Captain William Hendrick [William Hendricks] in the Battalion commanded by Major Lemuel Benton to Santee [River] in South Carolina where they were stationed about a week from there they marched down the river to Linches Crossway [sic, Lynches Causeway?] from there to Georgetown and from there up PeeDee [Pedee River] to Lynches Creek near Society Hill where he was discharged having been out about one month. That he marched again in the month of October 1781 in a Company of Horse commanded by Captain William Hendricks to Santee where he joined the Troops commanded by General Francis Marion, that he continued under his command about two months when he was again discharged. That he joined the troops under

General Marion again in the month of June 1782 and remained in the Army something up than one month when he was taken sick and got a permit to return home. That he joined the Troops under General Marion again in the Fall of 1782 in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Eleby that he remained under his command forty days when he was again discharged. That he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said services. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Jonathan Prestwood

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Prestwood". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test John Miller Clerk

By S/ N.W. Woodfin DC

[p 7: Jesse M Roberts and David Vance gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of pleas and quarter Sessions July Session 1833

On this first day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now in Session Jonathan Preswood [sic] a resident in said County of Buncombe and State aforesaid aged Seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in what was then called Cheraw District South Carolina in the fall of the year 1778 (he thinks about the first of October()) as a drummer that he was marched soon after in the Company Commanded by Captain Jacob Johnson [Jacob Johnston] who resigned Shortly after they started after which the Company was Commanded by Lieutenant Benjamin Hendricks in the Battalion Commanded by Major Robert Lloyd [Robert Lide] that he marched to Georgetown to Sewee Bay in South Carolina where they were Stationed two or three weeks, that he marched from there to Haddrell's Point where they were Stationed two or three weeks, that he went from there to Fort Johnson own James Island near Charleston South Carolina under Captain Moris Murphy [Maurice Murphy] who took command at Haddrell's Point above mentioned, and that he remained in that Fort until he was discharged in February having served four months as a drummer.

That he was called into the Service again in March the first 1779 in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Elerby [Thomas Ellerbee] as a drafted militia man in the Battalion Commanded by Major Robert Lloyd [Robert Lide] that he was marched to Orangeburg South Carolina where he was Stationed about two weeks under the Command of General William Moultrie. That he marched from there to the Savannah River to a place called the Black Swamp, where he stayed but a few days then marched to Purysburg South Carolina where he remained one week and returned to Black Swamp, from there they marched to Charleston still under the command of General Moultrie being closely pursued by the British, that he arrived in Charleston early in May where he remained until in July when he was discharged he thinks about the middle of that month having served as drummer at least four months - he thinks four & a half and was taken sick after being discharged and was detained about ten days before he reached home.

That the class to which he belonged was called upon again in the month of May 1780 when he marched in the company Commanded by Captain William Hendricks in the Battalion Commanded by Major Lemuel Benton, to Santee [River] in South Carolina where they were stationed about a week, from there they marched down the river to Linch's crossway, from there to Georgetown and from there up Pedee to Lynches Creek near Society Hill where he was discharged in June having served one month or about that time as a private, having resigned as drummer.

That he was again Drafted and marched in the middle of October 1781 in a company of Horse as a militia Horse man Commanded by Captain William Hendricks to Santee where he Joined the Troops Commanded by General Francis Marion that he continued under his command two months and was again discharged.

That he was again called out in June 1782 in the company commanded by Captain Robert Passley [Robert Pasley or Paisley] by whom he was appointed Sergeant and marched to Burchy Mills on Pedee where we Joined the Troops commanded by General Marion and served three weeks as Sergeant at which time he was taken sick and got a permit to go home.

That he Joined the Troops again under General Marion in the Fall of 1782 sometime in the month of October in the Company commanded by Thomas Ebby Captain that he remained under his Command and served 40 days as Sergeant during the whole of which time we were Stationed at Wat Boo near Moncks corner about 32 miles North of Charleston when he was discharged and was about 5 days traveling home. That he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service as above stated, that he has no documentary evidence of his service having never seen his discharges since he sent them on to obtain his indents. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court.

S/ Robert Prestwood

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Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on Thompson's Creek about fourteen miles of Cheraw Hill on Pedee in Chesterfield District in South Carolina on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year 1758.

Q. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Yes I have it at home. I took it from my Father's Family Bible and have preserved it ever since.

Q 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into the Service, where have you lived since the Revolution and where do you now live?

A 3<sup>rd</sup> I was living in Cheraw District now called Chesterfield District in the State of South Carolina at the place where I was born and I remained at the same place about fifteen years after I returned from the Army and then moved to Darlington District South Carolina where I lived about twelve years. I then moved to North Carolina in the County of Buncombe which I now live on the waters of French Broad [River].

Q 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into Service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

A. 4<sup>th</sup> I was drafted, I never volunteered except in Scouting Parties after the Tories of which I have taken no notice in my claim, nor did I ever serve as a substitute.

Q 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The first Regular Officers that I recollect to have seen after I went into the service at Orangeburg when we with General Moultrie with him were Major Simmons and some

others whose names I do not now recollect but Col. Moses Simmons I believe was a Regular. General Pulaski was with the Troops and out with us to Charleston and there I saw him rush with a few men into the British ranks and lost about forty of his men. While under the command of General Marion I knew several Regular Officers among whom were Col. Holise [?], Col. Mayam [Hezekiah Maham] both of whom commanded Troops of Horsemen. I recollect before I was under General Marion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment commanded as by General Moultrie the 3<sup>rd</sup> commanded by Col. Thompson [William Thomson] both Continental of Militia Regiments one commanded by Col. Giles one commanded by Col. Howsee below where we marched and the one in which I served first commanded by Col. Hicks who resigned and was succeeded by Col. Colb [Abel Kolb] who was some time afterwards killed by the Tories. After I went Gen. Marion I don't recollect any Continental Regiment except those under his command. I still saw the Militia Regiments above mentioned but do not recollect by whom they were commanded. The general circumstances of my service are mentioned in the forgoing Declaration. I was in no engagement except at one under General Moultrie at Coosahatchie [Coosawhatchie, May 3, 1779?] between Purysburg and Charleston in which we were routed by the British after a contest of about fifteen minutes and fled before them to Charleston where we remained until July and one engagement under General Marion when a Scouting Party of us came in contact with sixteen British and killed four and took eleven of them prisoners.

Q 6<sup>th</sup> Did you receive a discharge and if so where is it and by whom was it given?

A 6<sup>th</sup> Yes, I received a Discharge at the end of the first four months tour signed by Capt. Morris Murphy and one at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> four months tour from Capt. Thomas Eleby and one at the end of the month tour from Major Lemuel Benton, one at the end of the two month tour from Capt. William Hendricks and the last one from Capt. Thomas Eleby at the end of my last service, but I have not any of them now, as I stated on the other page I sent them to the Treasury Office in South Carolina as an evidence of my service in order to receive an indent which I obtained. I have not seen them since nor do I know what was done with them.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> David Nance and Thomas Stradly

S/ Jonathan Prestwood

Test John Miller, Clk

By S/ N.W. Woodfin DC

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[Thomas Stadly, a clergyman, and David Vance gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.65 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private and Sergeant for 12 months total all in the South Carolina militia.]