

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Priest S8980

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State of Ohio Clark County SS: On this 4th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before George B Holt Esquire President Judge and his Associate Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Clark aforesaid now sitting Jeremiah Priest a resident and Citizen of the said County of Clark age seventy-three or 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 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated namely; John Roberts was Captain of the company to which this deponent belonged and John Slaughter was Lieutenant or Ensign – John Roberts was afterwards promoted to the rank of Major and one James Purvuss [probably James Purvis] succeeded to the captaincy of the Company. One Taylor [Francis Taylor] whose first name this deponent thinks, although he is not at all confident, was Francis was Colonel of the Regiment to which the said Company was attached and John Roberts named above was Major of this same Regiment – that he entered the service in the last of February or first of March in the year 1779 at the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia where he then resided – that he was enlisted for the purpose of guarding the prisoners taken from the enemy at the defeat (as this deponent understands the matter) of General Burgoyne and was to serve as long as the prisoners remained at the place where they were then confined in Albemarle County – that he was marched to the place where the prisoners were kept and remained there doing duty for nearly or about two years when the prisoners were marched or removed to Winchester Virginia and this deponent marched with his company with the prisoners to that place where deponent remained doing military duty until March 1781 that is to say this deponent knows that he served two years and was discharged in March then next preceding the Surrender of the Enemy at York Town [October 19, 1781] which deponent thinks was in the year 1781. This deponent was taken sick at Winchester and returned home on furlough where this deponent remained until the term of his Service expired or until the prisoners were removed from Winchester. This deponent says that he has no documentary evidence of his service or discharge – that he does not know any person other than John Priest whose deposition accompanies this application by whom he can prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

The following statement is made by the applicant in answer to interrogatories propounded to him by the court namely

1. He says he was born in Shenandoah County Virginia
2. He has no record of his age but believes he is 73 or 74 years old
3. He was living when he entered the service as already stated in the County of Culpeper in the

State of Virginia where he resided until he removed to Kentucky where he remained until he removed to this State where he says he has lived for many years but how long precisely cannot State.

4. He says he enlisted into the service as before related.

5. He says Colonel Fountain made 2 visits at the post where deponent was stationed during the time he was there. It appeared to deponent that this Colonel attended there as a reviewing Officer.

6. He says he never received any written discharge from the service as he knew was on furlough at the time the term of his enlistment expired.

7. The following named Gentleman may be referred to for testimony as to the character of this deponent for veracity and as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution namely George Richardson and John Fuller, Elnathan Corey & William G [indecipherable name] near New Carlisle in this County.

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of October 1832

S/ Jeremiah Priest, X his mark

[John Fuller & George Richardson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Ohio Licking County: SS

Personally appeared before me the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid John Priest¹ of lawful age, who being duly sworn deposed and saith that sometime in the year 1781 and he believes in the latter part of the month of February or first of March in said year, Jeremiah Priest then a resident of Culpeper County in the State of Virginia, was regularly enlisted into the Revolutionary service in the Virginia Line in a company commanded at the time of the enlistment by Captain John Roberts, who was in a short time promoted, and said company was commanded by Captain James Purviss thereafter that said Jeremiah Priest continued in the service in said Line and company until the year 1783 he believes about the month of March in said year, when he was taken sick and obtained a furlough to return home and before he became able to return to the service his time expired for which he had enlisted and as he believes the said Jeremiah Priest never obtained a regular discharge, the Regiment in which he was enlisted was commanded by Colonel Taylor.

S/ John Priest, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 1832.

S/ Nathan Weekly, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia State Troops.]

¹ Probably the same man as FPA S3739