

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Preston S8981

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State of Virginia Brunswick County to wit

On this 26 day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Brunswick now sitting Joshua Preston now in the said County of Brunswick and State aforesaid now a resident of the same aged seventy-three years, but has no record of his age, 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted Militia man, the year not recollected and served a tour of six weeks under Captain John Hicks, and marched to the neighborhood of Suffolk, and remained there until duly discharged, that General Lawson was the Commanding Officer, and Jacob Paine & Peter John Waggoner [also spelled Wagener], were field officers. That he served another Tour of 6 weeks, year not recollected, as a drafted Militia man under the command of Captain \_\_ Vaughan as that the aforesaid Paine & Waggoner & General Lawson were the field Officers; That he marched to the neighborhood of Suffolk and was stationed sometimes at McKees mills [probably Mackey's Mills] and sometimes at Babs old Field [Babbs old field]; That he was drafted and served a tour of three months under Captain James Harrison, that he was first marched in the neighborhood of Suffolk, and from thence to the Point of Fork above Richmond on James River, that General Lawson was the commanding Officer, about the time they were to be discharged Baron Steuben arrived with the regular Troops and detained him of day or two over their time, the year he was drafted and the time discharged not recollected – That soon after his return home from his last tour he was ordered to rendezvous at Swanns Point [Swan's Point] under Captain Peter Jones. That while at Swanns Point there was a draft of the Militia, to ascertain who should go to the Siege of Little York, and he was drafted to go, that he marched to York under Captain Peter Jones, that he remained at York until the surrender of Cornwallis, he saw the British Troops ground their Arms, and that he then marched with the prisoners to a about two days march of Winchester as he was informed, and was taken sick & discharged; the year not recollected [Cornwallis surrendered October 19, 1781], he does not remember the precise time he served but thinks it was five or six weeks – that he never marched out of Virginia and was in no battle except the Siege of York. That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services. That there is no person now living within his recollection who can prove his services, that by reason of Old age and infirmity his memory is greatly impaired. He hereby relinquishes all 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joshua Preston, X his mark

[James J Harrison and Stephen Ellis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.22 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 29 days in the Virginia militia.]