

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Price W10227

Pemina [Pernina]

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County

On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Hawkins County aforesaid now sitting Thomas Price a resident of said County and State aged 70 years next March 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.

To wit: That he entered the said Service as a volunteer under Captain Jonathan Smith in Johnston County State of North Carolina sometime in the month of May 1780 the day not recollected in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Axum [sic, Benjamin Exum] of North Carolina his Ensign's name was John Briant, the other officers name not recollected, from Johnston County he was marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] & from there to Fayetteville from there through the Sandhills to Randolph Court House where the Regiment was stationed some time, & then this declarant with some others was taken sick, & left by the troops, and after remaining about 4 weeks sick this declarant; then joined his Regiment, the night before the battle between Lord Cornwallis & General Gates near Camden but owing to his not having entirely recovered his health being very weak & feeble he was not in the battle but some distant [distance] about 1 mile therefrom which took place about the middle of August in 1780, from which place he with others was obliged to retreat, and the first night after the retreat this declarant with 5 of his comrades was taken prisoners by the Tories, who after taking their arms and everything that was valuable permitted them to return home, which this declarant reached sometime in September the day not recollected, having served about 4 months and after remaining at home a short time he again volunteered under Captain John Rayford under Colonel Axum in the latter part of September 1780 and marched from Johnston County to the Town of Hillsborough & from thence to near what was then called the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River where his Regiment was stationed some time, and where it came under the command of General Gregory, and from the Yadkin his Regiment marched back to Hillsborough, at the same time guarding some British prisoners & Tories and when this declarant reached Hillsboro with his Regiment, he was discharged by his Colonel Axum in the latter part of December 1780 having served about 2 months or a little better, making in the whole at little more than 6 months. He further states that he has lost his said discharge and does not & [sic] know of any person at this time by whom he could prove his Services that at Camden his Regiment came under the command of General Caswell of North Carolina.

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 any of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ WB Mitchell, Clerk

S/ Thomas Price

[Robert Smith and Jesse Creech gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County Thomas Price, who being duly Sworn, Deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades -- for 4 months I served as a private soldier -- for 2 months I served as a private soldier and for such services I claim a pension.

There is no clergyman living in the immediate vicinity where I resided who can testify to my character &c.

I was born in St. Mary's County Maryland and in the year 1763.

I have no record of my age.

I am acquainted with Robert Smith and Jesse Creech Esquires, who have testified to my character and I am also acquainted with many others who if necessary would also testify to my character &c all being in my neighborhood.

Sworn to & subscribed this 2nd day of August 1833

S/ N. Fain, JP

S/ Thomas Price

[fn p. 8: On July 12, 1855 in Davidson County Tennessee, Pernina Price, 65, filed for a widows pension under the act of February 2, 1855 stating that she is the widow of Thomas Price who was a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that her husband died January 10, 1847; that she married him February [illegible day], 1815 in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina; that they were married by a justice of the peace named Thomas Averett; that her youngest child is named Mary Ann Swick, wife of John Swick.]

[fn p. 9: Mary Ann Swick testified that she was about 28 years old as of July 12, 1855; that she is the daughter of Pernina and Thomas Price.]

[fn p. 12: Own March 17th, 1857, in Davidson County Tennessee, Pernina Price filed for her bounty land entitlement; in this document she claims that she married her husband on February 5, 1815 and that her name prior to her marriage to him was Pernina Pasnelle [?]¹]

¹ The War Department interpreted this name as Pernina Parrish. That name, in that form, does appear in a filing appearing on fn p. 60.]