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Pension application of Thomas Pratt W1075 Sally fn76NC
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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: August Sessions 1818

Personally appeared in open Court this 26th day of August Thomas Pratt aged 59 years a citizen of said County & State and made oath according to law that he enlisted in the War of the Revolution some time in the year 1781 about the month of May under Captain James Prevard [sic, James Brevard] for the term of 12 months in the Regular Army 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepherd in the Continental establishment, that he enlisted in the County of Rockingham State of North Carolina, that from Rockingham he was marched to Salisbury where he remained about one month -- that from thence he was marched to Sandy River where General Greene was, from thence under the command of General Greene he marched to Camblin [sic, Camden] (otherwise is Pine Tree) that from thence the Army under General Greene proceeded to the High Hills of Santee South Carolina at which place this deponent remained about 6 months, that from thence, the Army marched to the Pond Ponds [sic, Edisto River] & remained at said place about one month; and from thence to the Round O. & remained there about one month -- that from thence this Deponent marched with the Army to Bacon's Bridge Ashley River at which place this Deponent was stationed until his said term of service expired, and at which last mentioned place this Deponent was Honorably discharged by Captain Mills to whose company he was then attached -- but that said discharge this Deponent has lost said that it cannot be found. -- This Deponent further deposeth & saith that he is very feeble & debilitated, that he is in very indigent circumstances, and that he requires and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support. This Deponent further maketh oath that he has never received any pension from the United States and while in the Service of his country in the South he suffered much by sickness occasioned by hard & fatiguing marches & partly by the southern climate, that he served faithfully & honorably 13 months in said Revolutionary War being one month more than his term of service & that he has resided in Hawkins County 23 years. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court day & date above written.

Sworn to in Open court August Term 1818

S/ J. D. Mitchell, Clerk

S/ Thomas Pratt, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Personally appeared the 22nd of May 1820 William Johnson¹ before me Samuel Powel one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the State of Tennessee & made oath in due form of law That he served with the above named applicant for a pension during the Revolutionary War in the same Regiment he is the 2nd Regiment commanded

¹ [William Johnson W24](#)

by Colonel Haws that he believes the said Pratt is the same man & that this Deponent also believes that what is stated in the above Declaration is substantially true furthermore that this Deponent is now a pensioner himself on the Revolutionary Roll.

S/ William Johnson, X his mark

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: On this 30th day of August 1820 Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County of aforesaid Thomas Pratt aged 60 years, Resident of the County of Hawkins aforesaid, 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 the 1st May 1820. That he the said Thomas Pratt enlisted for a term of 12 months sometime in the month of May in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain James ~~Prevard~~ Brevard in the 2nd 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Haws Shepard [Shepherd?] In the North Carolina line on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until sometime in May 1782, when he was discharged from said Service, at that time in North Carolina at Charlotte Him: about 40 miles from Salisbury. That he received an honorable discharge but it has been lost and has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services except what is contained in his first Declaration made out in the Court at August Sessions 1818 and afterwards amended before the honorable Samuel Powel Judge &c on the 22nd day of May 1820. 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: 3 sows and 7 or 8 shoats one iron pot and one Dutch oven, half a dozen spoons 16 cups. That he is by occupation a farmer but owing to his debility, & his bodily infirmities he is unable to support himself. That his wife is about 50 years old and infirm one daughter aged 17, one aged 14 and one boy aged 11 years. That his family live in great distress on account of their incapacity to support themselves, and that he stands in absolute need of the assistance of a A generous Country for Support Sworn to & subscribed the day above in open Court

S/ Thomas Pratt, X his mark

3 Sows & 8 pigs \$15—Household furniture \$5 \$20

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State of Tennessee First Judicial Circuit: On this 24th day of June 1821 personally appeared Thomas Pratt a citizen of said County & State before me Samuel Powel one of the Judges of the Circuit & State aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law Deposeth & Saith in addition to that contained in the above Declaration, that upon further inquiry and reflection, Since the honorable Secretary of War returned to the above papers for correction & explanation, He finds he was mistaken in the name of the Colonel under whom he served in North Carolina, also the Regiment & Line, although he did serve at one time under Colonel Haws from Maryland, that this was owing to his confounding Colonel Haws with Colonel Shepherd, and for further explanation States that he this Declarant served while in North Carolina, during the

Revolutionary In the Company commanded by Captain Brevard in the 10th Regiment commanded by Abraham Shepherd for 12 months and was honorably discharged from said service that he enlisted sometime in 1780 or 1781. This Deponent further states that on account of the weakness of his mind & memory he cannot state correctly the time when he did Enlist nor the time when he was discharged, and it was owing to this Cause he made mistakes in his former Declarations, which are substantially true after correcting some mistakes, that said 10th Regiment was of the Continental Establishment North Carolina line. Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ Thomas Pratt, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Secretary's office 25th of January 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State, that Thomas Pratt a private in Captain Robards company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in 1781 supposed for 12 months, and that he left the service on the 28th May 1782.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 10: on July one, 1839 in Hawkins County Tennessee, Sally Pratt, 69, (from the 14th day of last September) filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act; that she married Thomas Pratt in November on a Thursday in 1790; that her husband died September 27, 1838; that she remains his widow.]

[facts in file: the widow's name prior to her marriage to the veteran was Sally Garrison; John Garrison (relationship, if any, not stated), stated that he knew them and that they lived together as man and wife from the date of their marriage until the death of the veteran; in Sept. 1854, in Hancock County, Tennessee, Polly Pratt made oath that she is the daughter of Thomas Pratt, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that her father died September 27th, 1838 and that his widow Sally Pratt, also a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$40 per annum, died October 18, 1852 and that they left only one child living who is Polly Pratt, this deponent.]