

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Leonard W26212 Priscilla D. Leonard NC
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State of North Carolina }
Franklin County } ss

On this 12th day of September 1832. personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, for the County aforesaid, now sitting, William Leonard a resident of the said county of Franklin and State aforesaid, aged about seventy two 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 1832. That he was born in the County of Prince George State of Virginia on the 2nd day of June in the year 1760, as he has been told, but he does not know whether his age was ever recorded and if it was, he is entirely ignorant of what has become of the record. That at the time he entered into the service of the United States, he was living in that section of Bute County which now [since 1779] forms Franklin County in the State of North Carolina aforesaid. That since the revolutionary war he has lived, and is now living in the County of Franklin aforesaid. that he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Peter Walker, who was drafted, for three months. that he was commanded by Colo. Gee, Captain James Denton, Lieutenant John Macon (a brother of the Hon. Nath'l. Macon formerly Senator in Congress) and Ensign William Harrison. He entered the service the 14th day of May 1776 and marched immediately from the said county of Bute through Tarborough [now Tarboro] on to Wilmington where or near which place he remained during the three months which he was bound to serve. He was at Wilmington when the news of the Declaration of Independence was received there and recollects the festivity and rejoicing which that event occasioned. He does not recollect the name of the regiment to which he was attached. He knew Captain Benjamin Sewell [Benjamin Seawell] who commanded another company from the same county of Bute. he also remembers Adjutant Dawes, or Dows. He was engaged in no battle during this time of service. He was discharged by Captain James Denton, but does not know certainly whether his discharge was in writing, and if it was, he has forgotten what has become of it. He has no documentary evidence to prove the above facts, but he believes they will be substantially confirmed by the affidavit of James Collins Sen'r. [pension application W6737] which is hereto adjoined.

This applicant further declares that in the month of February 1781 he was drafted in Louisburg [in Franklin County] for three months in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Eaves Lieutenant Joel Parrish [Joel Parish] and Ensign Finch. That his company started with another company commanded by Captain James Richards all of whom he believes were under the command of Major William Hill. They marched to Warrenton, thence to Harrisburg in Granville County and thence to Guilford Old Court House the Head Quarters of Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. That at the time of the battle which occurred a few days afterwards [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], he was sick, and was sent off with the baggage to the Iron Works (the name of which is not recollected) [Troublesome Iron Works]. The Americans were defeated at the battle of Guilford Court House, and the main army under Gen'l. Green, retreated to the Iron Works, and after a few days to Ramsey Mill [on Deep River in Chatham County NC in pursuit of Cornwallis]. The company to which this applicant belonged was commanded at the time of the battle by Lieutenant Parrish, the captain having got disabled and returned home before the fight came on. At Ramsey's Mill this applicant was attached to a company under the command of Captain [James] Evans. He marched with the main army down to Camden [South Carolina] where he was in part of the engagement with the British under Lord Rawdon [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. His regiment was commanded by Colo. Reid [sic: James Read], but he does not recollect the name of the regiment [1st Regiment of North Carolina Militia]. After this he was marched on into the country between the Wateree and Congaree where he remained until he was discharged at the end of his term of service. he received his discharge from Captain Evans in writing but does not know what has become of it. He

has no documentary evidence to prove the facts mentioned in this tour, but he believes the most important of them will be shown in the affidavit of James Collins Sen'r. above referred to. This applicant 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.

William hisXmark Leonard

NOTES:

On 9 April 1855 Priscilla D. Leonard, 52, applied for a pension and bounty land stating that she married William Leonard 9 Dec 1834, that her name at the time of the marriage was also Priscilla D. Leonard, and that William Leonard died 1 April 1852. With her application was a copy of a bond signed by William Leonard and William Stokes in Franklin County on 9 Dec 1834 for the marriage of William Leonard to Priscilla Leonard. On 11 June 1855 Eaton Leonard and John Murphy certified the marriage, stating that they had been neighbors of Priscilla Leonard for 30 years.

On 24 Aug 1866 at age 62 Priscilla Leonard applied for restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which time her means of subsistence were "by exertion, and limited."