

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Y. Province (Provance)<sup>1</sup> W26341 Rachel f64PA/VA  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Fayette County Pennsylvania: SS

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in & for said County now sitting Joseph Y Provance a resident of Fayette County Pennsylvania aged sixty-nine 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That ~~the~~ first of May 1780 he volunteered and descended the Monongahela River to the State of Kentucky for the purpose of defending the frontiers settlements against the Indians. That he served in Captain John Patton's Company of Virginia militia and performed his services principally at two forts near the falls of Ohio. That Colonel Clark [George Rogers Clark] commanded the troops stationed at these two forts. That this deponent continued from the last of May 1780 till August 1780. Sometimes in the forts and sometimes upon the scout off a distance from the Station. That in August 1780 he was drafted to go on a regular Campaign under Captain John Atkins,<sup>2</sup> Major Holland and Colonel Clark. That the troops ascended the Ohio River from the falls to opposite the Licking River. Landed where Cincinnati now stands and marched from thence through the state of Ohio to a place on Mud River called Piqua and their had an engagement with the Indians who were commanded by Simon Girty – killed a number of Indians and took one prisoner, and lossed [lost] 15 of our men. After this Engagement he returned home, where he arrived sometime in December 1780 making a period of eight months which service he performed at and near two forts at the falls of the Ohio River, and on the campaign to Piqua in the State of Ohio.

That in August 1782 he was drafted in Captain Philip Peisce's [Philip Pierce's?]<sup>3</sup> Company of Pennsylvania militia and was marched from Fayette County Pennsylvania to a station on Whiteley Creek [?]<sup>4</sup> in what is now Greene County. That he was drafted for one month and performed his entire tour at that station. The object of this service was to protect the

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt92026-160-55

<sup>2</sup> The war Department read this name as John Askin.

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settlements against the Indians. That the entire period of his service is nine months as he to be certain he will state his whole [?]<sup>5</sup> services at eight months and twenty-four days. He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person at present by whom he can prove them, but that the Honorable Andrew Stewart and Samuel Gantt will testify as to his reputation. This deponent is not sufficiently acquainted with a clergyman to get one to certify for him now residing in his neighborhood.

1<sup>st</sup> He was born in Frederick County Virginia on the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1764

2<sup>nd</sup> He has a record of his age in his Bible

3. He lived when he entered the service near where he now lives then Virginia now Pennsylvania the line having been run so as to place him in Pennsylvania where he has resided ever since & still resides.

4. He was drafted & also volunteered as before stated –

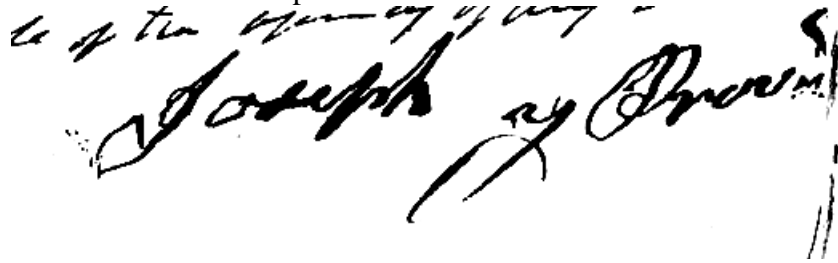
5. He repeats in answer to this the names of his officers & the circumstances of his services as set forth.

6. He received no discharge nor has he any documentary evidence

7. The names of persons who will certify to my character are the Honorable Andrew's tour & Samuel Gantt as above mentioned

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

S/ Joseph Y. Prov????

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Y. Province". Above the signature, there is some faint, illegible handwriting that appears to say "to the Honorable Andrew Stewart".

[Andrew Stewart of Union town Fayette County Pennsylvania and Samuel Gantt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 9: On January 23, 1854 in Fayette County Pennsylvania, Rachel Province, 71, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Joseph Y Province, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died in Fayette County May 16, 1842; that she married him September 22, 1818 and continued to live as man and wife until his death raising a large family; and that she remains his widow. She stated there is no public or private record of their marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 15: On August 8, 1855 in Bureau County Illinois, the widow, then a resident of Milo in said County, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that her name prior to her marriage to the veteran was Rachel Spencer. She signed this application with her mark. In this document she gave her age as 72.]

[Facts in file: in 1865 the widow was living in Tiskilwa, Bureau County Illinois; although there

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are references in the file to the veteran and his wife having a large family of children none of their names are given.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.29 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 24 days in the Pennsylvania and Virginia militia.]