

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Declaration of Richard Priddy,<sup>1</sup> W5593 (wife: Judith)

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading. A bracketed question mark [?] indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Not all the material in the Pension File is included in the transcription.]

The state of Alabama, Morgan County

Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, at a Circuit Court begun and held for the county & state aforesaid at the Courthouse in the town of Somerville on the third Monday in April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight [1828], a declaration in order to be placed on the pension list was filed, sworn to and ordered to be recorded and certified. Which is in the words and figures following, to wit:

The State of Alabama Morgan County ss.

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818. Circuit Court April Term 1828.

On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1828 personally appeared in open court being a court of record having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common law, Richard Priddy, resident in said county aged sixty eight years on the 30<sup>th</sup> instant [i.e., the current month, April], who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said Richard Priddy enlisted for the term of three years on the \_\_\_ [sic, no date specified] day of July or August in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Fleming in the First Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Read at first and afterwards by Colonel Richard Parker and at last by Colonel \_\_\_ Davis [sic, William Davies] in the line of the State of Virginia Northern Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in the said corps until the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1779 when he was discharged from the service at Ramapo [sic, Rampaugh] in the state of New York. That he was at the battle of Monmouth and that of the taking of Stony Point Fort on North River [sic, also known as Hudson River] besides many other battles and skirmishes of less importance during his term of service. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia and that the following are his reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That he has applied heretofore to persons for their assistance for that purpose but he has reasons to believe that they were either ignorant of the forms and manner of making the application or that the papers did not reach the War Department as he had not heard of any application having been made heretofore in his behalf. Altho [sic, Although] old, yet more able than at present to provide by his personal labor for his support, he was not then, as he now is, under the absolute necessity of asking the bounty of government and consequently did not earlier apply to other persons more competent to aid the him in making the application for his pension after he ascertained he had failed in his first efforts. And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any measure dispensed [?] of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring [?]

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myself within the provisions of the 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person intailed [? entailed?] for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other day and which is contained in the schedule here to annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule as follows, to wit:

One blind mare worth	\$10.00
Three Cows worth	\$10.00
One bed & furniture worth	\$12.00
Five or six old plates	\$0.50
Three or four old knives & forks	\$1.00
Two dishes	\$0.50
Six cups & saucers	\$0.50
1 pot, 1 oven, 1 coffee pot	\$2.50
Five or six old spoons	\$0.25
1 Bible	<u>\$0.75</u>
	\$38.00

S/ R. Priddy

That since the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property: That he has no knowledge of any other change in his property since that time than such as are usual by the loss of some of his stock of horses by death and the necessary consumption of his cattle for the support of himself and family and that he is by occupation a farmer. That his family residing with him consists of his wife about sixty three years old very decrepit [sic, decrepit?] and unhealthy. One son about eighteen years old one daughter about twenty years old. That he himself is old and infirm and totally unable by his personal labor to support himself and that his increasing age, diseases and infirmities rendered it impossible longer to provide a comfortable sustenance [?] without the assistance provided by his country for persons in his situation

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1828. S/ R. Priddy  
Jas B. Graham, Clk cc



And on the same day personally appeared in open court Thomas Hubbard<sup>2</sup> and made oath in due form of law that he served as quarter master in the same regiment [1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment] with Richard Priddy in the Continental Establishment during three years of the Revolutionary War and was acquainted with said Priddy during his service and he states that said Priddy has made a correct statement as to his service in the declaration and that he was a good soldier during that time and was and is an honest and respectable citizen.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1828. S/ Thomas Hubbard  
Jas B. Graham, Clk cc

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<sup>2</sup>[Thomas Hubbard S17227](#)

The State of Mississippi  
Oktibbeha County

On this 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty [1850] personally appeared before me, David Avery [?], judge of the Probate Court of Oktibbeha County in the state of Mississippi, Judith Priddy, a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged eighty five years, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838 entitled, "An Act Granting Half Pay and Pensions to Certain Widows." That she is the widow of Richard Priddy who lived in the county of Hanover in the state of Virginia when he entered the service of the United States of America and that he was a private and served as such in the Revolutionary War four years. That he served under Captain Fleming in Cols. Davis' [sic, William Davies'] and Parker's regiments. She also swears that she knew her husband, Richard Priddy, say that he served or acted a part of the time as quartermaster sergeant but does not know it to be so and that she has no family records or documents or documentary evidence now in her possession to support her claim, but is informed and believes that documentary evidence to support her claim and of the nature and character of the service of Richard Priddy is now on file in the proper [?] Department or Pension Office in Washington City and that her husband, Richard Priddy, drew a pension many years before his death.

She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Priddy in the county of Halifax in the state of Virginia by the Rev. Nathaniel Hall a Baptist Minister of the Gospel on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ~~seventy-eight~~ eighty two, which was some eighteen months after the Declaration of Independence or more and that her husband, the aforesaid Richard Priddy, died the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1831 in the county of Marion in the state of Alabama. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz., at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never married since the death of her said husband, Richard Priddy, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

Judith Priddy /her mark/

[Fact in file: The veteran married Judith Forrest or Forist.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 13, 1828, for service as a sergeant in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Richard Priddy Served upwards of 3 years as a Soldier in the first Virginia Regiment. Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> of December 1784

S/ Martin Vandervale, formerly  
Lt. 1<sup>st</sup> Virg. Regt.

