

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Little Page Proctor¹ W576 Sarah

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State of Illinois Hamilton County Sct.

On this 18th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Thomas C Browne judge of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, now sitting, Little Page Proctor, a resident of said County and state, aged 71 years, or thereabouts (having no record of his age) 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated: –

He resided upon Holston River in the State of Virginia in the year 1777, and in the last of that year or the first part of the year 1778, he volunteered under Captain Cornelius Riddle, who said he was authorized to recruit men to go to the relief of the inhabitants of the Virginia Territory, now called Kentucky, who were greatly exposed. He was immediately marched from the town House upon Holston and rendezvoused at Powell's Valley about the 10th of March 1778, he marched under Lieutenant Hargrove (he thinks Benjamin) through the wilderness, to Kentucky River, where there was a Fort called Boone's boro [Boonesborough]. Upon his arrival at this place, he found the inhabitants in great distress – some 30 odd of them having been taken prisoner in the February before by the Indians & carried to Detroit. Captain Hargrove was ordered into immediate service. He had no commander except Lieutenant Hargrove, and the principal service was guarding the Fort against the Indians night & day. Shortly afterwards he was attached (with all of Lieutenant Hargrove's company) to Captain Ben. Logan's [Benjamin Logan's Company], who was at Logan's Station, and while with him his service was ranging, scouting & spying around the Fort, mostly getting back to the Fort of nights, but sometimes laying out. During the summer of 1778, Captain John holder came out from North Carolina, He was dressed in uniform, & said he was authorized to take command of the troops and Captain Logan gave up to him the command of the men who had come out under Lieutenant Hargrove. He then enlisted under him and remained under him for about 5 years, He was marched from place to place where ever the enemy was the most troublesome, and was in numerous engagements and skirmishes with the Indians, at one time surrounded & besieged by them in Boonesborough 49 or 10 days and nights. In the fall of the 3rd year after he came to Kentucky, General George Rogers Clark came home with a considerable body of troops, and called to his aid Captain holder's Company and the militia of the neighborhood and marched immediately of crossed the Ohio River against the Shawnees, Wyandots [Wyandotte Indians] & Sanduskies [Mingo and Delaware Indians], and came upon one of their towns on the Little Miami [River],

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which was surrounded and in the course of the ensuing night the Indians attacked us, and the battle was kept up until the break of day, when the Indians made their escape, with a considerable loss in killed & wounded. They took in this affair between 30 & 40 pressed us, and returned with them to Boonesborough and kept them until an exchange took place for our prisoners, who had been taken to Detroit. The next fall, this applicant marched again under General Clark, in the same Company, on another expedition against the Indians (more particularly against the Sanduskies) upon the Scioto [River], took 2 or 3 of their towns, and had one pretty severe battle at Sandusky town, in which the Indians were again defeated with considerable loss of killed & wounded. He then returned to Kentucky under Captain Holder, who sent him soon after to Stroud's Station, which was commanded by Captain John Constant, with whom he remained about two years, guarding that & other stations, wherever the danger was most imminent, until peace was given to the frontiers by the victory of General Wayne in 1794. Every Garrison or station had its own Captain, & whenever he moved he was placed under the Captain of the Fort. His first Captain was Riddle above named who did not come out to Kentucky till the fall after he marched from Holston and who never took command of Lieutenant Hargrove's men. His next was Logan. His 3rd was Holder. His 4th Captain James Estill, afterwards killed in a battle. His 5th Captain James Dooling [James Dulin]. His 6th Captain Johnson under whom he served a tour of three months in scouting – his 7th & last Captain Constant, – At the time of Wayne's victory, these officers were all dead or gone off, and this applicant never received one cent of pay, whether from the fact that he did not belong to the Continental line, or from what other cause he does not know. His officers being all dead or absent might not have made the proper returns, or if made, made to the Virginia State authorities and not there attended to. So it was, this applicant seeing that Continental money had depreciated and become valueless, made no inquiry or demand of pay, & that the whole matter drop. He states that he was constantly in service from 1777 or 8 as above stated till the defeat of the Indians by General Wayne in August 1794, employed as above stated – he served with no Continental regiments unless General Clarke's was one – and whether his service was in what is called State troops, Continental line, or militia he does not know, but supposes it was in the State troops. He has no documentary evidence of his services, except the affidavits or certificates of some of his old neighbors and fellow soldiers obtain last year in Kentucky & sent on to the Treasury Department through General Robinson one of the Illinois Senators. He respectfully refers the Honorable Secretary of War to those affidavits as confirmatory of his statement made herein. And also to the positive oath of his brother Nicholas Proctor who served with him throughout in the same service & under the same officers – excepting that he was in one campaign across the Ohio more than this affiant was then.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Little Page Proctor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Little Page Proctor". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Thomas Cottingham, a clergyman, and Merrit Willis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 78: On September 9, 1833 in Estill County Kentucky, Joseph Proctor, Matthew Horn and William Horn gave testimony that to the best of their knowledge the statements made by Little Page Proctor as to his service during the Indian War are true; that Joseph Proctor is a citizen of Estill County and a clergyman of long and high standing.]

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State of Kentucky County of Estill Sct.

Joseph Proctor² makes the following statement and affidavit that Little P Proctor moved to the State of Kentucky in the spring of 1778 – in company with this affiant & Mathew Horn and that as soon as he arrived in Kentucky he was enrolled as a Soldier and done Garrison duty under Captain Logan at Boonesborough during the year 1778 – in the year 1779 – Little P Proctor enlisted under Captain Holder and served under him during the year 1779 – Little P Proctor was then sent to Briants Station [Bryan's Station] where he served and done duty I think about five months. He was then transferred and sent to Strodes Station where he remained near two years under Captain Constant and I think he served one year at McGee's Station under James Dulin Captain James McGuire Lieutenant. He afterwards served two years at Estill Station as a Soldier under Captain James Estill, Samuel Estill Lieutenant, Little P Proctor during the time he was stationed at Strodes Station served a campaign and messed with this affiant under General Clark in what was called Clark's Campaign. He thinks it was in the year 1781 or 1782 – though not positive as to the time but knows it was while he was at Strodes Station. He also continued to do duty as a Soldier and was enrolled as such whenever called on during the war. He cannot state with precision the length of time Little P Proctor served, but he must have served 6 or 8 years or more. He was also in the Fort at Boonesborough during the Siege of that Fort by the Indians and done his duty as a brave soldier during the whole of the Siege, and the Fort was at the time commanded by Colonels Callaway & Boone – Given under my hand this 9th day of September 1833

S/ Joseph Proctor, X his mark

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We Matthew Horn³ and William Horn⁴ make the same statement and concur in every respect in the foregoing statement of Joseph Proctor – concerning the Servitude of Little P Proctor – as we were with him and on Clark's campaign we all served together. Given under our hands this 9th day of September 1833

S/ Matthew Horn, X his mark

S/ William Horn, X his mark

State of Illinois Hamilton County Sct.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned clerk of the County Commissioners Court, for said County (the said Court being in Session) Little Page Proctor, who being duly sworn, deposeth and 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 ___ years and two months under Lieutenant Hargrove as a private

For one year and ___ months, under Captain Benjamin Logan as a private.

For two years and six months, under Captain John Holder, as a private.

For ___ years and three months, under Captain James Estill, as a private.

For ___ years and three months, under Captain James Dooling, as a private.

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³ Sic, Mathias Horn FPA W10110

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For ___ years and three months under Captain Johnson, as a private.

For two years and ___ months, under Captain John Constant, as a private.

And for such service he claims a pension; and the said Little Page Proctor, further states that since his declaration was returned to him by the Pension Officer at Washington, for amendment, he has procured the affidavits of Joseph Proctor, Matthew Horn and William Horn of Estill County Kentucky as to his Services, whose affidavits, certified according to law, are hereto attached. He further states that he was born in Granville County, State of Virginia, in the year 1760. He has no record of his age, except a memorandum made by himself, from the best information he could obtain, which is at his house in this County, in his family Bible. Since the revolutionary war, he continued to reside in the State of Kentucky until the year 1808 when he removed to the Territory of Missouri, where he resided 2 or 3 years, when he removed to the then Territory of Illinois, where he has continued to reside ever since & where he now resides. He further states that he never received any written discharge from any of the officers under whom he served.

S/ Little Page Proctor

Subscribed and sworn in open Court, this 14th day of December A.D. 1833

S/ Jesse C Lockwood, Clerk

[f p. 14: On May 12, 1853 in Hamilton County Illinois, Sarah Proctor, aged about 64, made application for a widow's pension stating that she married Little Page Proctor July 1, 1815; that she was married to him by Daniel McHenry, a circuit preacher in Gallatin County; that she lived with Little Page Proctor as his wife until November 15, 1852 when he died in Hamilton County Illinois. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]