

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Pratt W8528

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State of Kentucky Wayne County: County Court September Term 1832

On this 25th day of September in the year aforesaid personally appeared before the Worshipful Justices of the County Court now sitting which is a court of record, Stephen Pratt, a resident citizen of the County of Wayne and State of Kentucky aged as he believes from his best information 68 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 the 7th day of June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States in the militia sometime in the month of February the precise time of the month not recollected, and in the year 1781 he entered said service as a volunteer private Soldier in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia under Captain Thomas Helm, and John Callaway our Major and Charles Lynch our Colonel and marched on towards North Carolina and crossed Stanton River and crossed Dan River and went on through the country in various places until we joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army not many miles from where Guilford Battle was fought, but was separated from him and there remained mostly to ourselves but was with him at times finally camped nearly at the Battle ground that night previous to the fight he states that the morning of the day of the fight that he was by order of his Colonel appointed one of the baggage guard. He was not in the Battle was in sight and as the wagons moved off from the fighting saw the smoke from the firing for some distance camped that night at a place called Frost Iron works if I am not mistaken, remained there 2 or 3 days with the wagons until the dead were buried and then followed the enemy until they crossed Deep River stayed there a few days was dismissed there by our Major John Calloway – our Captain being killed in the battle. He then returned home to Bedford County received no written discharge from his service. He states that he served three months in the above mentioned Tower [tour]. He states that in a short time thereafter he was substituted in place of a certain Lewis Fraklim [Lewis Franklin?] who was called on to serve a three months tower as a private soldier in the militia in the County & State aforesaid and marched under Captain Jacob Early and went the direct road from Bedford County to Richmond and went on down the and crossed Chickahominy Swamp and thence to the camps at a place called the Mobin Hills [Malvern Hills] and there I changed officers with a man that was under Thomas Leftwich and the man with whom he changed put under Captain Early with the consent of both captains at our request – joined General Lawson's Army at Mobin Hills. He guarded the hospital near that place stayed there some weeks, a great part of our Regiment was detached from Lawson and went on to a place on Pamunkey River where there was a Tobacco inspection and a Little Town. He thinks the place was called New Castle and then marched to a place of some old fields the name not recollected, and was there discharged had a written discharge from Captain Thomas Leftwich for a three months Tower having served the Time out and then returned home to

Bedford County. He states that in a few days after he returned home he was substituted in the place of a certain William Dunwoody who was a private in the militia who was called out of Captain Dickson's company to guard the magazine at New London and he there remained there guarding the same in place of said Dunwoody there was some few men there that was called Continental man they were making cartridges under the care and superintendence of Nathaniel Reid. He states he remained and served there the full Term of three months, there was a certain Daniel Hilly who was the officer of the guard and had the entire control of the men that were there, there was but a small squad of them there, not more than about fifteen or twenty men they remained there some weeks after the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he recollects that some of the men stopped and stayed all night at the place where we camped that had been at the siege at York they were then on their way home. He was finally dismissed by the Sergeant Hilly – had no written discharge and then went home having served three Towers and was making in the whole nine months (if the first Trip counted for a full Tower having lacked about one month's of being in service three months the first Time). He was out which he states was the end of his services. He states that he was born in Bedford County Virginia and there was raised and stayed there lived until about sixteen years ago, then moved to Powels Valley East Tennessee – and there lived about two years and then moved to Wayne County Kentucky where he has lived ever since. He has never had any record of his age, his discharge is lost and has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services.

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, –
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Stephen Pratt

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin rectangular border.

[James Lair, a clergyman, and John Turner & Nathan Dabney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 13: On December 14, 1841 in Wayne County Kentucky, Sarah Pratt, 68 as of September last, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Stephen Pratt, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him September 1, 1783 in Bedford County Virginia; that he died March 13, 1841. She signed her application with her mark. And a supplement to her application she states that the family record showing her marriage has been destroyed; that she had 10 children with her husband the oldest child Nancy Pratt now Nancy Kinnet was born October 23, 1790.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]