

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Priest W8530

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State of Kentucky Barren County to wit, I Peter Priest of the County of Barren and State aforesaid do hereby State that the following Schedule contains a true account of all my property and effects of every kind whatsoever except wearing apparel and necessary bedding. Viz. one hundred acres of third rate Land, on which I live worth \$200 farming utensils \$2, neither horse, cow, sheep or cattle of any description, nor household furniture nor debts due to me. I do further state that I have not directly or indirectly since the 18th day of March 1818 by gift sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof so as to bring 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 during the Revolutionary war, nor hath any person in trust for me any property, Contracts or debts due me, nor have I any property or income other than what is stated in the foregoing Schedule surrendered and subscribed by me. I further state that I enlisted as a private Soldier on the 11th day of February 1780 in Captain Robert George's Company of Artillery attached to Colonel George Rogers Clarke's [George Rogers Clark's] Virginia Regiment in the Continental establishment, in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War with the Kingdom of Great Britain for and during the War, and that I served during the War and was Honorably discharged at Louisville (now in Kentucky) on the 15th of February 1784 which discharge was granted by the said Captain George or the said George Rogers Clark who was then a General, which I do not remember, which discharge is lost or mislaid that I was in the battle of Picque [Piqua] Plains [August 8, 1782, Battle of Piqua or Pekowee or Pekowi?] fought with the Indians by Colonel George Rogers Clark who then commanded the American forces there, I further state that I was born in the United States and have always been a Citizen of the same and have always been on the side of my Country in every War that I have been in. I do further state that I was a resident Citizen of the County of Barren on the 18th March 1818 and yet reside in said County and that from my reduced Circumstances that I stand in need of the assistance of my Country for Support, I further state I live with my family which consists of my wife who is in the 48th or 49th year of her age, 3 daughters one aged about 23 years, one about 20 years, the other about 13 years old and that I have no other assistance or family with me, that I am now in the 63rd year of my age that my Occupation has been farming that owing to my infirmity of the Sciatic or rheumatic pains which was on may, before I left the service of the United States and has continued ever since in my hips, back, shoulders and neck, and for some years (back) settled chiefly in my neck and shoulders, I have not been able to do much labor, nor am I now, nor for some years past, have been able to do any labor of Consequence. I do hereby release unto the said United States all pensions and claims to pensions allowed me by any law of Congress of the United States, or any provisions made whereby I could have claimed the same previous to the said Law of the 18th of March 1818.

S/ Peter Priest

[Attested October 16, 1820]

State of Kentucky County of Barren: SS

On this 19th day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Barren County in open court Peter Priest a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, at the falls of the Ohio, on the 11th day of February 1780 under Captain Robert George in the Illinois Regiment of the Virginia State line commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark. At the time he enlisted as aforesaid he lived in the County of now Jefferson Kentucky then the falls of the Ohio Virginia. He was engaged in the battle of, he thinks, Pickquay Plains and marched through & served during the whole of his service in the Western Country. He got a Discharge but cannot now tell where it is, never expecting to have use for it.

He served in said Regiment of said Colonel Clark four years & four days exactly.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Priest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Priest". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Peter Priest".

[f p. 12: On February 16, 1852 in Barren County Kentucky Lyda Wright made application to obtain the benefits of the act of 1838 for herself, Susan Gasaway and William Priest, the surviving heirs at law of Peter and Sarah Priest; that her father was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that he died January 6, 1835 survived by his wife Sarah; that Sarah died December 22, 1839; that her mother Sarah was Sarah McCoy prior to her marriage in Shenandoah County Virginia in the year 1790 on January 6th;; that she knows of no family record showing the marriage or births of the children of Peter and Sarah Priest; that her mother was 63 years old when she died.]

[f p. 15: Affidavit dated February 20, 1852 given by Isaac Westerfield stating that he attended Sarah Priest at James Cardin's house in Barren County Kentucky on December 20th 1839; that he found her "in a dying condition from apoplexy;" that he is able to fix the date by reference to his book kept as a practicing physician; that Ms. is Lydia Wright is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Priest.]

[f p. 31: Certificate from the clerk of court of Shenandoah County indicating that records in his office show that Peter Priest & Sarah McKay were married January 6, 1791 by John Koonts.]

[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 service.]