

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Prince W8531

Rebecca

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State of Virginia Sussex County Sct.

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court said County [now] sitting, Joseph Prince a resident of the said County & State, aged sixty-eight years on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May last – 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 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That in the year 1780 [could be 1781] at the age of sixteen he substituted himself for William Prince as a militia man into the service of the United States, and served under the officers and for the term hereinafter stated.

The first tour of duty was under Green Hill Captain James Gee Lieutenant and John Smith Ensign marched from Sussex County in which he has resided from his infancy, to cabin point [Cabin Point] on James River and from thence to various parts of the County between that point and Norfolk where the British Army then lay that there tower [tour] lasted six weeks.

That about four or five months after he returned home he was again called into service under Captain Lawrence Smith and marched to Cabin Point under General Muhlenberg as commander in chief and Major D. Clomann [Christian Charles de Klauman] a French officer as commander of the Regiment to which he was attached that he was taken sick, and placed in Hospital but again join his company before the terms of service was out & that on this occasion he served three months. That after the lapse of about the same term he was again called out and marched under Captain Thomas Newsome, and Lieutenant Thomas Mason to Suffolk and to different points in the County between Norfolk and south quay under the same Commanding General – and served on that occasion two months.

That after some time, he was again called out from the same County, and marched under Captain John Powell and Lieutenant Neal Powell, under the same General and was again attached to the command of Major D. Clomann to the same part of the County, and continued eight weeks in this tour.

That after his return home, he was again called out and marched as a trooper, in a company of Horse commanded by Captain Robert Nicholson & attached to Major Reddick command to the same part of the County and was generally employed in the immediate neighborhood of Norfolk and Portsmouth occupied by the British – That he there served about two months. He again substituted himself for William Prince under Captain Thomas Newsome Lieutenant Thomas Mason and marched down in the neighborhood of Suffolk & South quay & attached to the same command & served two months.

That he was occasionally called out on short service on several other occasions, while, Lord Cornwallis – was marching this part of the Country in the campaign which terminated in

his surrender at York Town [October 19, 1781] – That the militia of his County was divided, and one half was almost constantly in service, from the time, that the British first invaded the state [January 1781] and took possession of Norfolk and Portsmouth and the militia were now posted and employed as to cut off their foraging parties and keep them confined within their lines to protect South quay which was then a place of considerable trade and that in the hold he believes that he served at least twelve months.

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. That he has no discharge and his officers are all dead except Lieutenant James Gee. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

/ S Joseph Prince

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Prince". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[Thomas B Creath, a minister of the gospel, and Joel Mangum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 9: On April 6, 1854 in Sussex County Virginia, Rebecca Prince, a resident of Sussex County, aged seventy-two, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Prince, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 16, 1814; that her husband died July 25, 1847; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 10: the widow's application was supported by the affidavit of John Prince and Joseph H Prince in which they give testimony that Joseph Prince died July 25, 1847 and that Rebecca Prince is still his widow. Their relationship if any, to the family is not stated. Their testimony was attested by John J Prince clerk of court. Again, however, his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[f p. 12: Certificate of the Sussex County clerk that records in his office show that Joseph Prince was married December 16 1814 to Rebecca White.]

[f p. 23: in a letter dated December 4, 1846 sent from South Hampton and addressed simply to "Judge" Joseph H Prince makes reference to his father's pension claim and asked the judge to get him a new certificate as his old one is worn out and part of it is missing. At the bottom of this correspondence is inscribed the following "Joseph Prince, the pensioner, whose certificate is enclosed, is my neighbor, is still living, and is entitled to the pension Certificate asked for." Signed J. Y. Mason, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1846 (presumably the "Judge" referred to in the letter.)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]