

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan [Nathaniel] Preston W8532

Elizabeth

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State of Kentucky Floyd County: to wit

Nathan Preston an old Revolutionary Soldier aged fifty-seven years states that he enlisted in the Service of the United States 1777 under the command of Captain George Lambert who was under the command of Colonel Abraham Bluford [Abraham Buford] who commanded the fourteenth Virginia Regiment. States that he enlisted for the term of three years and served out the full Term of Enlistment and obtained an Honorable Discharge and from his Necessitous Circumstances sold his Discharge for the paltry sum of \$10 which is the whole sum he received for his three years Service. States he was in the Battle at Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] and in the Battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777] and further States that he is now poor and in Indigent Circumstances and much Debilitated in so much that he needs the Assistance of his Country therefore prays to be received on the pension list agreeably to the act of Congress in that case made and provided approved the 18th day of March 1818.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 24th day of May 1818

Attest: S/ Wm J. Mayo, CFCC

S/ Nathan Preston, X his mark

State of Kentucky Floyd Circuit Ct.

At a Court held for 40 Circuit at the Courthouse in Preston's bird on Monday the 16th of October 1721 Nathan Preston a revolutionary soldier presented a schedule of his property & which is in the following words and figures viz.

State of Kentucky Floyd Circuit and County Ct.

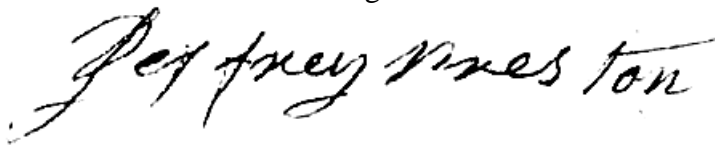
On the 16th day of October in the year 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record made so by the Act of Assembly creating it Nathan Preston now about 58 years of age resident in the County of Floyd who being first duly sworn according to law doth under his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as stated in his previous statement for a pension upon which certificate issued number 11.173 and George Lambard's company of infantry in the 14th Regiment all which is more fully set forth in his former Statement dated the ___ day of ___ and I the said Nathan Preston do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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 18th of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me. Nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed wearing apparel excepted – one mare of the value of \$60, saddle and bridle \$12, one cow and calf and small heifer and 8 other

cattle \$55, Hogs about 21 \$30, one bed and furniture, one pot, one oven, one driper, ½ Dozen pewter plates, ½ Dozen earthen plates, 3 knives and four forks, three spoons, one coffee pot, 1 piggen, 2 basons & two dishes, 1 axe, 1 hoe, \$35, 1 pr. of geers \$2.00, 2 head of sheep, \$3.00, 4 bee hives \$6.00, 1 shot gun \$6, in all \$197.00. That I owe the following debts viz. Cabel May \$35, to Isaac Preston \$0.25, John Harvey \$1.50, Mr. ? Cox \$0.50 Theresa Johns \$1.50 & I owe to George & Richard Bibbs about \$326 in all \$334.75, that I am by occupation a farmer but is illy calculated to pursue it in consequence of my age and infirmity being Lane and subject to frequent sick spells being more than half my time in summer sick. That my family consists of myself, wife who is about the same age with myself and is badly crippled and very infirm and unable to do any labor of consequence.

S/ Nathan Preston

[f p. 7: On August 29, 1839 in Floyd County Kentucky, Elizabeth Preston, 79, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Nathaniel Preston [sic] deceased late a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him by publication at church by the Reverend Ramsey in the County of Bedford Virginia in the month of August 1780; that her husband died August 6, 1832. She signed her application with her mark.]

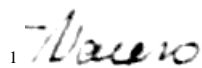
[f p. 7: On August 29, 1839 in Floyd County Kentucky, Jeffrey Preston, 48, gave a supporting affidavit in which he says he is the son of Nathaniel Preston [sic] and Elizabeth his widow; that his father was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$96 per annum; that his parents had eight children the oldest of which was born in October 1781, the month Cornwallis was taken; the next oldest child is upwards of 55 years old; Edy the next oldest is about 53 years old; the next oldest Polly is about 50 years old; deponent the next oldest; that there is no record of the ages of his sisters and brothers.



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[f p. 10: On September 2, 1839 in Floyd County Kentucky, Elizabeth Burges, 68, gave testimony in Floyd County Kentucky that she is the sister of Nathaniel Preston deceased; that she recollects being present at the wedding of Nathaniel to Elizabeth Vaun [sic, Vaughan or Vann?]¹ his surviving widow at the house of her Father in Bedford County Virginia in the month of August 1780. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 11: On September 2nd, 1839 in Floyd County Kentucky, Moses Preston,² 84, gave testimony that he is the brother of Nathaniel Preston deceased; that he well recollects the marriage of Nathaniel Preston to Elizabeth Vaun in Bedford County Virginia in the month of August 1780; that Nathaniel and Elizabeth had several children the oldest of their children Nancy is about 58 years old and "the rest of their children was in rotation of upwards of 2 years between each child". He signed his affidavit with his mark.]



² This MAY be the same man as [Moses Preston W8533](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 20, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

This may Certify that Nathan Preston Enlisted the 29th day of December 1776 to serve 3 years in the 14th Virginia Regiment now the 10th which time he has Faithfully and Honorably served, for which he is hereby Discharged from said Regiment – Given at Philadelphia this 30th day of December 1779

signed John Webb, Lieutenant Colonel

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S/ Cole Robinson, Clk, B. A.

I do hereby assign to Robert Rankins all my Rights, Titles, Claims and Demands upon the United States of America for serving the term of three years as specified within this discharge he the said Rankins having made me full satisfaction for the same.

Given this 17 day of April 1783

S/ Nathan Preston

[The above is presumably a copy since the hand writing on the document and the signature or identical]