

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Preston W8533 Fanny Preston VA
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Floyd County State of Kentucky

Moses preston an old revelutionary soldier fifty five years of age states that he Inlisted in the Service of the united states against the common Enemy in the yeare of 1779 for the term of Eighteen Months under the command of Maj'r. Hill [possibly Thomas Hill] under the Command of Col. Abraham Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] and under the Command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates was marched to Hilsbourah [sic: Hillsborough NC] Then commanded by Captain Boyers [sic: Thomas Bowyer] under the Command of Col. Camel [sic: Richard Campbell] State he was in the Battle at Guilford [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], in the seige at Camlin [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780, or more likely Battle of Hobkirk Hill SC, 25 April 1781], in the Battle at Ninty Six [sic: Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and continued in the Service untill the ware closed at which time he was guarding Gen'l. Hugees [sic: Isaac Huger's] house near the Utah Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC]. after the close of the ware was Honerbly Discharged By Captain Crawford a regular officer got a Cirtificate for his bounty Lands which from my Necessity I sold for 20 or 25 Dollars and from his reduced Circumstance of property Needeth the assistance of his country

Agreably to an act of congress approved the 18th Day of March 1818 Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 16th day of June 1818

Moses hisXmark Preston

[Nathan Preston certified the service of Moses Preston.]

An additional Statement of Moses Preston an old Revilutionary Soldier fifty six years of age to his original statement & declaration of 16th June 1818 he states that he enlisted in Bedford County Virginia in the Virginia lines and was put under the Command of Maj'r. Hill and then under the Command of Colonel Abram Bluford and was marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina and was there commanded by Captain Boyear in a Redgement that was Commanded by Col. Campbell under the Command of General Gates and then General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] he the said Moses Preston further states that he is a Resedent of Floyd County Kentucky and has been for about seventeen years last past.

December the 21^{ist}

Moses hisXmark Preston

Kentucky SS

Pleas before Thomas Thomson Isaac Bolt and Richard Chambers

BE It remembered that at a court continued and held on Tuesday the 10th day of June A.D. 1828. Present the worshipfull Thomas Thomson Isaac Bolt and Richard Chambers Gentlemen

Moses Preston an old revolutionary Soldier produced in open court his Declaration, and a Schedule of his property thereto annexed for the purpose of being continued on the Pension list of the United States, which was Sworn to in open Court, ordered to be recorded, and certified to the Secretary of ware, which is in the words and figures following to wit

Schedule

Declaration in order to be continued on the pension list under the Act of May 1st 1820

County of Lawrence SS

On this 10th day of June 1828 personally appeared in open court (being a court of record) for the County of Lawrence Moses Preston resident in said County aged about sixty six years who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. that the said Moses Preston enlisted for the term of eighteen months in the year 1781 in Halifax County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Bowyer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hill in the line of the State of Virginia on the Infantry continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corpse until

the latter part of the year 1783 when he was discharged in the State of South Carolina that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the number of his pension certificate is 17251; and he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because he was not able until very lately to be advised that it was necessary, and being old and infirm was not well able to go to see any person who was able to advise him what the law necessarily required him to do.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I 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 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 navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818, And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any 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 and by me subscribed viz. 2 cows & 1 heifer 6 head of sheep 2 sows & 8 pigs 4 Stands of Beef worth in the whole not more than \$30

Moses hisXmark Preston

That since the year 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. To wit

Description of property	Names of persons to whom disposed of	Time of sale	Am't. of money or description of property rec'd. in return
In 1818 I had two mares & colts, all of which are now dead.			

Moses hisXmark Preston

State of Kentucky }
Lawrence County } SS.

On this 9th day of September one Thousand eight hundred and forty three personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid Fanny Preston; a resident of the County of Lawrence and State of Kentucky; aged seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Moses Preston, who was a private in the army of the Revolution, who entered the service, sometime in the Spring of the year she thinks in the year 1780; he entered the service as a substitute, in the place of William Halligan as a private that her husband was in the service or so considered from the time he first entered the service till the close of the war: That he resided in the County of Bedford Virginia when he entered the service under Col. Campbell, who commanded the 7th Virginia regiment, of infantry. his captain was by the name of Bowyer She states that she does not know of any Battles but has heard him say that he was in the battle of Camden. he was engaged she has heard him say in guarding the house and property of Gen'l. Huger at the time of the time of the battle of the eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] she states that she has no documentary evidence in her possession but supposes the original discharge of her husband is on file with his application for a pension she states that was on the pension Roll. She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Preston on the ninth day of July seventeen hundred and eighty three, and her husband the aforesaid Moses Preston died on the eighteenth day of April eighteen hundred and forty two: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety-four. viz. at the time above stated.

Fanny herXmark Preston

NOTES:

In the file is a copy of the minister's return for the marriage of Moses Preston and Fanny Arthur, dated 9 July 1783 in Bedford County VA.

A Treasury Department document in the file states that the children of Fanny Preston recieved her final pension payment up to the date of her death, 30 Dec 1844.