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Pension application of Edward Prichard (Pritchett) W8536 Ruth (Rutha) fn49NC
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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838, entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of South Carolina District of Pickens

On this 3rd day of April 1849 personally appeared before the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the District aforesaid Mrs. Ruth Pritchett, a resident of the same District and State, aged ninety 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 7th, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" and the several acts in continuation thereof -- That she is the widow of Edward Pritchett who was a private in the regular service of the United States during the Revolutionary War but it is impossible for her to state much as to his services at her advanced age; she recollects that he served under Captain Jos. Johnston [Joseph Johnston], and that they afterwards lived neighbors to him in Chatham County North Carolina -- that when her husband entered the service he resided in Wake County North Carolina he also served under Colonel Nash [Francis Nash], and she recollects the names of the other Officers who served with the Army in the same section -- viz. Colonel Lee, Colonel Saxton.

He served in both North and South Carolina, and was in the Battles of Brandywine & Kings Mountain & Monmouth -- he was taken prisoner at Eutaw Springs & there kept until after the close of the War when he made his escape. She further declares that she was married to the said Edward Pritchett in Wake County North Carolina about 2 miles from Neuse River by Mich. Rogers who was a magistrate, her husband obtained a license for the purpose, and the marriage took place about the year 1784, as it was about 4 months after the close of the war, her maiden name was Ruth Hays. She has no documentary evidence of his services or marriage.

She further declares that her said husband died as near as she can come at it about 39 years ago, she understood that her husband drew a Land warrant for his services after the close of the war, which me up afford some evidence of his services. She was not married to her husband prior to his leaving the services, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before in open Court this 4th day of April A.D. 1849

S/ W. L. Keith, CC

S/ Ruttey Pritchett, X her mark[sic]

State of South Carolina District of Pickens: On this the 9th Day of April A.D. 1855, personally

appeared before me a Notary Public within and for said District and State Rutha Prichard aged about 94 years a resident of said District and State who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Edward Prichard deceased who was a private in a company commanded by Captain Johnson in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonels Ramsey & Bowman in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain. That he enlisted in the said War for the term of 5 years in Wake County, North Carolina, and continued in actual service in said War, for the term of 5 years, and was honorably discharged from said service, but she does not now know or recollect the precise time when or place where. That she is the identical widow of said Edward Prichard that she now draws a pension for the services of said Edwin Prichard [sic] and now holds the said pension certificate bearing date of both day of July 1850 and Numbered 5487, Read in volume 2. She further states that she was married to the said Edward Prichard about the month of November A.D. 1782 by one Micajah Rogers a Justice of the peace and that her name before her said marriage was Ruth age, that her said husband died in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina on or about the year A.D. 1817, and that she is now his widow. She further states that there is no record of her said marriage nor can she now easily or conveniently proved by living witnesses her said marriage, she relies on proof of General reputation and cohabitation, and refers to prove furnished to the Department of Pensions in a former declaration made before Pension money either in the year 1849 or 1850 on which said declaration she was pensioned. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved the 3rd day of March A.D. 1855 and further states that from deficiency of memory consequence of old age & affliction that she is not certain that all the dates above written are exactly correct, but are so in substance.

Attest: S/ W. E. A. Prichard

S/ Ruth Prichard, X her mark

[fn p. 11: marriage license bond issued in Wake County North Carolina and dated October 10, 1785 issued to Edward Prichard and Sion Perry to secure the marriage of Prichard to Rutha Hays.]

[fn p. 16]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Edward Prichard a private Soldier in Captain Williams's Company of the 4th Regiment, entered the service on the __ day of __ 1777 for the term of the War, and that a Warrant for land was issued on the Certificate of a field officer, for 7 years service, or 4 the War.

Given under my hand this 31st day of October 1849.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina

No. 3759

The Honorable James Glasgow., Esquire Secretary of State,

To Colonel Martin Armstrong, Greeting.

You are hereby required to lay off and survey for Edward Pritchett a private in the line of this state 640 acres of land, within the limits of the lands reserved by law for the officers and soldiers of the Continental line of this State: observing the directions of the acts of Assembly in such case made and provided. Two just and fair plans, with a certificate to each annexed, you are to

transmit to my Office, within the time limited by law. Given under my hand at Glasgow. the 3rd day of August 1792.

S/ J. Glasgow

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that the above is a true copy of a Warrant taken from the original which is on file in this Office.

Given under my hand this 31st day of October 1849

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 27: On June 4, 1850, Thomas Christian, a resident of Anderson District South Carolina gave testimony that he became acquainted with Edward Prichard in 1793 in Chatham County North Carolina and lived near him until 1805 and then moved to South Carolina and in a few years after the death of Edward Prichard his widow Rutha Prichard moved to Anderson District South Carolina; that her maiden name was Rutha Hays; that William Prichard, a brother of Edward Prichard told affiant in 1793 that Edward drew 640 acres of land in Tennessee on the little Tennessee River for services rendered in the Continental line during the revolution; that the affiant's brother [name not given] also served 5 years in the Continental service of North Carolina and was in several battles with Prichard; that Prichard transferred his land in Tennessee to Thomas Sypret.]

[Facts in file: the widow died February 9, 1866 at her residence in Whitfield County Georgia; at her death she left one child and heir named Henry Prichard.]