

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pratt W9599

Rebecca

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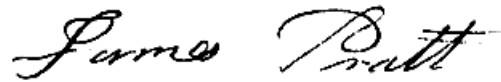
State of Kentucky County of Lawrence: SS

On this 6th day of December 1833 personally appeared before Peter Mauk a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid and in virtue thereof one of the Justices of the County court of Lawrence State of Kentucky, James Pratt, a resident of Kentucky in the County of Lawrence aged sixty-nine 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1833 [sic, June 7th, 1832]

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He first entered the service of the United States in the militia of Virginia about the first of March in the year (as well as can recollect) 1781 as a substitute in the place of his father Thomas Pratt who had been drafted in the 4th Division Colonel Allcock was his Colonel Captain Wood was the Captain and ___ Campbell the Ensign of the company in which he first served and Major Declumen [Christian Charles de Klauman] a Frenchman was his major. He does not recollect the names of any other of the company or field officers in this first tour. He then resided (when he first entered the service) in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia. He met his company at Culpepper court house in the said State of Virginia from which he marched on Colonel Allcock having the command who had also under his command five other companies to the best of his recollection through Albemarle and Orange and several other counties the names of which she has forgotten in the direction to Richmond Virginia when he came to Richmond the troops did not enter the town in consequence of the smallpox being in the town which had been left there by the British. He and the balance of the troops marched around the town of Richmond and on in the direction towards the town of Williamsburg till we came to Maubins hills [Malvern Hills] where we halted and staid three or four days where he received a discharge signed by Captain Wood whose Christian name he does not recollect which discharge took place to the best of his recollection about the 4th day of July in the year 1781. From Maubins hills he did not return home but was immediately called into service under a draft having previously been drafted in the 5th division. He went into service in this 2nd tour under Captain Henry Towles Colonel Allcock still having command. The names of the rest of the company and field officers he does not recollect. From Maubin hills he and the other soldiers under command of Colonel Allcock marched on and crossed James River below Richmond and marched about in different direction sometimes pursuing parties of the British and sometimes they pursuing us to we arrived at Little York about the first of October 1781. He was there employed with the other soldiers for about eight days some of them being constantly employed both day and night in throwing up breastworks and digging entrenchments as a shield against the British artillery who (the British under the command of Lord Cornwallis[]) were penned up in

the town of Little York. We made what was then called foggots [?]¹ which was bundles of brush about eight feet long and bound together about the size of a hoghead or larger and filled in with dirt. He stayed there till about the 10th of October 1781 when he received a discharge signed by Captain Henry Towles which discharge as well as the one which he received from Captain Would was burnt up in his house with all his papers in the year __ when he resided in Floyd County Kentucky. After receiving his last discharge he went home to Culpeper County Virginia and in about 12 or 15 days he heard of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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.

S/ James Pratt



1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Culpepper County State of Virginia on the 25th day of March 1764.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I had a record of my age in Culpeper County State of Virginia & what has become of it I do not know.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. – In Culpeper County Virginia since the Revolutionary War I lived in Campbell County about 4 years and in Bath County Virginia 2 years when I removed to Kentucky in the limits of the present County of Floyd in which I lived till about 4 years cents when I removed to the County of Lawrence Kentucky where I have resided ever since

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. In my first tour I went as a substitute in the place of my father Thomas Pratt who had been drafted in the 4th division. In my 2nd tour I went as a drafted soldier having been drafted in the 5th division

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I recollect the names of no officers except those mentioned in the body of the Declaration. The circumstances of my service are set forth in the body of the Declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received 2 discharges the first was given by Captain __ Wood the 2nd by Captain Henry Towles. Both my discharges were burnt in my house when I lived in Floyd County Kentucky.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I will name Philip Williams and Robin Williams

¹ *foggots*

[Philip Williams and Robert Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 14: On November 1, 1858 in Johnson County Kentucky, Rebecca Pratt, 66 [very faint and may not be correctly deciphered], a resident of the County of Carter Kentucky made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of James Pratt, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him July 1, 1827 in Floyd County Kentucky; that her husband died October 8, 1854 in Carter County Kentucky. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow's name at the time of her marriage to the veteran was Rebecca Rite; there is reference to the children of Rebecca Pratt in a document dated 1860; the children of said to be living at that time in Johnson County Kentucky; they are not named.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount. On April 9, 1769 the widow was living in Carter County Kentucky and gave her age as 77 years. At that time she was drawing a pension of \$96 per annum]