

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Depriest R2986                      Patsey Depriest                      VA  
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State of Tennessee                      }                      County Court  
Claiborne County                      }                      Decr. Sessions 1827

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1827 personally appeared in open court Being a court of record, for the County aforesaid possessing the power of fine and imprisonment the laws of the state aforesaid Robert Depriest resident in said County aged about seventy years, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. that the said Robert Depriest enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of [blank] 1778 or 1779 declarant does not distinctly recollect which; in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt Declomer [sic: Charles de Klauman], and was afterwards attached to Capt. Johnson [sic: Gideon Johnston's] Company in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Martial [sic: Virginia State Artillery Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall]; and was afterwards attached to the Regiment Commanded by Col. [Charles] Porterfield on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps; until about the year 1781 when he was discharged from the service in Campden [sic: Camden] in the state of South Carolina by Capt. Johnson, which discharge he deposited in the Auditors office in Richmond, and is now unable to produce it, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; that he did not know, that the law; authorized him to receive one, and that he had no knowledge until lately of the existence of the act of Congress aforesaid

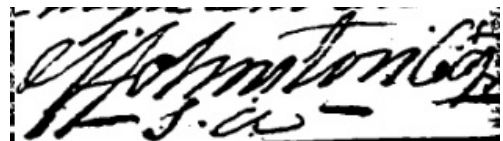
And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby 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 18<sup>th</sup> day 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 and by me subscribed; –

1 Mare worth 25 Dollars  
Real estate I have none

That no change has taken place in my property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 That he owes to Robert George about twenty dollars for clothing, and other necessaries. Declarant further states that he has no family, that he lives at this time in the house of William McCarell, is aged infirm and afflicted with the dead palsy, and is compeled in order to obtain a support to apply for the provisions of the act of Congress aforesaid  
Robert hisXmark Depriest

[The following is in the [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Rob't. Depriest serv'd as a Drumer in Colo. Marshalls Reg't. three years to the 23<sup>d</sup> Aug't 1780                      Given under my hand at  
York 22<sup>d</sup> Ap'l. 83                      G Johnston Cap/ SA.



[The following are among the [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

[Parts of the following missing from the online image are interpolated in brackets.]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of Robert Depriest late sargant in the Virginia Continental l[in]e in the war of the Revolution

Respectfully sheweth that [the] said Robert Depriest in the year [blank] en[li]sted under Captain Declumer in the Virg[in]ia Continental line, to serve for three years a[n]d was attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall

That he served faithfully the term for whi[c]h he enlisted and was honourably discharged from [ser]vice

All of which will more readily appear [by] refference to the Army Register of the V[irg]inia continental line and the accompanying c[erti]ficate of a credible person who served with him in the war of the Revolution

Your memorialist farthe state that [in] his life time he never applied for or ever dre[w] the Land Bounty promised by the state of [Vi]rginia nor has his heirs since his death applie[d] for or drawn the same.

Your memorialist therefore humbly p[ra]y that your Excellency will grant them the [ident]ical quantity of Land allowed to a Sargeant in [the] Virginia Continental line, for the service of [th]ree years pursuant to the Laws of Virginia in such case made and provided. And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c. [signed] Charles Depriest

State of Virginia Campbell County to Wit

This day Charles Depriest one of the heirs of said Robert Depriest came before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath that the facts as set forth in the foregoing memorial he beleives to be true.

Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1844/ Paulett Clark JP.

State of Virginia. Halifax County to Wit:

I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Robert Depriest in the Revolutionary War in the Regular Army he was in Captain Decluman's Company his Captain was promoted to Major I do not know who his captain was afterwards We served in he 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment in the Artilery at Little York. Colonel Thomas Marshall commanded the Regiment we served in I think it was more than two years I was with Robert Depriest in the regular army he acted as sargant while I knew him. I considered him a sergant in fair standing. I am now in my 92<sup>nd</sup> year of age

Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1844

John Yeates [or Yates, pension application S7988]



NOTE:

On 10 Nov 1853 Patsy Depriest, about 85, of Harlan County KY, applied for a pension stating that she was married by a Methodist preacher in Wythe County VA to Robert Depriest on 24 May 1788, that her husband lived in Harlan County while he drew a pension, and that he died on 6 Aug 1839. No record of the marriage was found in Wythe or in Montgomery County, from which Wythe County was formed in 1789, or in Harlan County. Elizabeth McCarrell stated that she had been present at the home of Patsy Depriest's father where the marriage occurred. Elender Crank stated that she was the sister of Patsy Taylor who married Robert Depriest, and that their father went with Robert Depriest to obtain the marriage license. Mary Bingham, about 65 in July 1853, certified that her father, Robert Depriest, had lived at her house until his death, and that her husband, Joshua Bingham, had recorded the date of his death.

On 25 Nov 1856 William Barnett of Pulaski County KY, said to have been born in 1775, stated that he had lived in Wythe County before and after the marriage of Robert and Patsey Depriest, and that they had one child, a Daughter named Mary Depriest, before he, himself, was married. Barnett also stated “that when he was married he was at that date 18 years of age. that his son Jubell Barnett was 22 years old on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1814. the same fall the said Jubill entered the service in war 1812, under Captain Evans of the 1[?] Rejmt Kentucky militia from Pulaski County Ky. for six months. as it appears from the date of the said Jubill Barnett discharge... and was dated at home in Pulaski county Ky 10<sup>th</sup> May 1815, & know my said son entered said service in September 1814 & that the said discharge here present he know to be genuine, which he has kept in his possession to remember the said son, now deceased in the year 1815 soon after his arrival home from said war, and was he now alive his age would be 63 years the 2<sup>nd</sup>[?] day of October last.”

On 6 Feb 1857 Mary Bingham, said to be 67, applied for the pension that would have been awarded to her mother, Patsey Depriest, who died at her home about 35 miles from the Harlan County on 30 July 1856, leaving her the only surviving child. She stated that her mother never had any children by any person except Robert Depriest. Mary Bingham also stated that “it is reported that the said Patsey Depriest was afterwards married to one Thomas Haskins since the year 1840 – with whome she lived for some years before and after the decease of said Robert Depriest,” but that she had always been informed that Patsey Depriest had never married Haskins, and that Haskins had died in Harlan County in 1853 or 1854. Documents in the file state that there was no record that the legislatures of Kentucky or Tennessee ever granted a divorce to Robert and Patsy Depriest. Robert Bingham, 42, and James W. Bingham, 26, were among those who certified the declaration of Mary Bingham.

According to a letter from Mary Bingham’s agent dated 30 April 1862 her claim was allowed about 1856 or 1857 but then withheld because of a decision by the Attorney General that children had no vested rights in the pensions of their parents.