

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Depriest S8319
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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the said Court of Rutherford County now sitting William Depriest a Resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 75 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That he first enlisted for twelve months under Captain Joseph Martin near the Long Island on Holston [River] I think in the State of Virginia in the year 1778. We was stationed at Long Island of Holston and at Rye Cove and guarding the Indian lines; was discharged at the Long Island. I then became a Substitute for three months under Captain James Shelby. I cannot tell the person's name. I never saw him before or since that [I] know of. This was a tour against the Cherokee Indians. I went as far as the Chickamauga towns under the command of Colonel Montgomery and returned back from that place with Colonel Shelby to the settlements where I left. Soon after I became a Substitute for three months under Captain Jesse Bean [sic, Jesse Beene]. I do not recollect the name of the person who I was a Substitute for. I was at the Battle of King's Mountain; we was under Col. Sevier [John Sevier]. I do not recollect that any General Officer was there. After my time was out, I returned to Henry County State of Virginia. I then enlisted for ten months under Captain Samuel Martin in a Troop of horse belonging to the North Carolina Troops. We was under the command of Colonel William Polk. We was at Charlotte, North Carolina, Granby South Carolina. I was at the Battle of Moncks Corner, also at the Battle of Goose Creek. We was at these places under the command of General Marion [Francis Marion]. This was the hardest service I performed. We had many scrimmages with the British and Tories. When they was at any distance from the Main Army, we was in pursuit of them. When my time expired I was discharged near Goose Creek South Carolina when I was discharged. This was about the end of the War. I am a poor and Old not able to till the earth to support myself and Wife who is also on the decline. I spent the prime of my life in the Defense of my Country and I hope they will Sustain me when I am not able to Support myself.

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 whatsoever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Depriest, 4 his mark

[Drury Dobbins & John H. Alley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1st by the Court:

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: From the Records of my Father I was born in Goochland County State of Virginia in the year 1760.

2nd: Have you any Record of your Age?

Answer: I have it now in my possession.

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

Answer: My father moved before the War from Goochland County to Henry County Virginia. I went to Holston above the Long Island and after the War was over I think in the year 1783 I moved to Rutherford County North Carolina where I have lived ever since.

4th : How was you called into Service, was you drafted, was you a Substitute or did you volunteer?

Answer: I first enlisted for 12 months under Captain Joseph Martin I think in what was called the Washington Rangers. Next was a Substitute for three months under Captain James Shelby. I do not recollect the person's name who I substituted for. I never saw him before or since to my knowledge. Next a Substitute for three months under Captain Jesse Beene – his [the name of the person for whom he substituted] name was ___ Lane. I then entered under Captain Samuel Martin for 10 months, Colonel Sevier was our commander. I saw Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee and was in the battle of King's Mountain.

Done in open Court 10th September 1832

S/ T. F. Birchett, Clk.

[David L. Ballew, a clergyman and Allen Hamby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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"Wm Depriest has Leave of Absance till the 25th Inst. and [illegible] Camp at the Congarees March 5th 1782.

S/ R. McCampbell [?]"

State of North Carolina Wake County

Personally came before me William Peace a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Col. William Polk,¹ who being sworn in due form of law; deposeth and saith, that he has at this time no recollection of William Depriest an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress for Revolutionary services; but this deponent has no hesitation in declaring his belief that the said Depriest was a soldier in the company commanded by Capt. Samuel Martin in the Regiment under this Deponent -- and that this belief is founded upon the answers made to the many interrogatories put to the said Depriest and that, he served out the time of his enlistment of ten months

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 29th day of October 1833 [could be 1832 as the last digit is written over.]

S/ Wm Peace, JP

S/ Wm Polk

¹ [William Polk S3706](#)