## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Pridgeon (Pridgen) W6880 Mary fn33NC Transcribed by Will Graves 9/28/09

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State of North Carolina in New Hanover County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Term 1833

On this the 10th day of December A.D. 1833 before the worshipful Justices of the Court aforesaid to where it Edward B. Dudley, Thomas H. Wright, & William Corbett Esquire personally appeared Francis Pridgeon Senior a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged 73 years the 15th instant, 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 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He was returned a soldier and entered the Continental service in December 1781 under Captain James Mills, Hardy Holmes Lieutenant, Curtis Ivey Adjutant, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle], Griffith McRee Major, and was attached to a Regiment or division commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and served twelve months as a private, having been discharged in December 1782, that he resided in Bladen County North Carolina when he entered this service that he marched from Wilmington North Carolina to Ashley River in South Carolina at which place he joined the General Greene's Army at Bacon's Bridge, thence to Ashley Hill, where he remained till discharged; the regular officers he knew were those above mentioned & also Captain Wilkeson [sic, Reuben Wilkinson or Reuben Wilkerson], who was broke of his commission, that he has no documentary evidence but can prove his services by James Lee<sup>1</sup> of New Hanover County and Jeremiah Simmons<sup>2</sup> & Saunders Simmons<sup>3</sup> of Sampson County North Carolina, if alive –

Answers of Francis Pridgen the aforesaid applicant to the questions propounded to him by the Court aforesaid as prescribed by the War Department --Answer to Question 1. I was born in Duplin now Sampson County North Carolina 15th December 1760 ---

- 2. I have a record of my age at home in a Bible.
- 3. When called into service I was living in Bladen County North Carolina; since the Revolutionary War I have lived in Bladen & New Hanover Counties North Carolina and now live in New Hanover County North Carolina.
- 4. I suppose I enlisted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>James Lee S7145</u> FPA W4802

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sic, Sanders Simmons FPAa7516 S

- 5. Before the names of the regular officers with the troops where I served I refer to my declaration; the Continental regiments I remember were those of the Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania troops & the North Carolina & South Carolina regiments who were in South Carolina -- and for further information I refer to my declaration --
- 6. I received a discharge dated 3rd December 1782, by whom given I have forgotten, which I lost --
- 7. Simon Lewis, George Larkins, William Corbett Senior Esquire, Benjamin Larkins, James L. Corbett, William Marshall Senior & Junior, James Flinn, William Scudder & many others I could mention.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State -- Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid –

S/ James Pridgeon

[fn p. 29: Simon Lewis and James Flinn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 7: on February 6, 1846 in New Hanover County North Carolina, Mary Pridgeon or Pridgeon resident of Canetuck district in the County of New Hanover, aged 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Francis Pridgeon, a pensioner under the 1832 act for his services in the revolution; that she married him October 20, 1790; that her husband died August 30, 1840; she offered her family record in the hand writing of her husband as proof of her marriage.]

[fn pp. 9-12 is the handwritten family record—it is largely illegible (the War Department did not attempt to decipher it in its summary of the application and noted in that summary that the record was 'illegible and confused.' Here is what I think can be deciphered, for what it is worth] p. 9

Francis Pridgeon was born August \_\_2

Francis Pridgeon Son of Francis Pridgeon and Mary his wife was born August 28, 1791 [illegible entry]

fn p. 10—title page of the New Testament in which the above appears on the reverse] fn p. 11

[illegible] and Marey his [illegible] was born [illegible] the 28 1791 Dipter [?] pridgeon born September the [illegible]

John pridgen was born the 24 [?] 1795

Isaiah pridgen was born November the 8 1796

Francis pridgen was born December the 16 1798

Matthew pridgen was born Jenuary the 5[?] 1801

Marey pridgen was febuarey the 8 1803

Anna pridgen was born October the 10 1805 [?]

Johnas pridgen was born the Jenuary 14 1808

Elisabeth pridgen was born October [illegible]

[two or three additional entries which are illegible]

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William pridgen was born [illegible]

[illegible] pridgen was born December 17<sup>th</sup> 1812 [?]

[illegible] pridgen was born August [illegible]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Francis Pridgeon a private in Captain Mills's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the first day of December 1781, for the term of 12 months, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand having no seal of office this 21st day of December 1833. S/Wm Hill

[fn p. 32: affidavit in which it is stated the maiden name of the widow was Mary Sikes; that they were married by Thomas Devane Esquire a Magistrate of New Hanover County.]