Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Prater W9052 Susannah Hammond fn60SC Transcribed by Will Graves 7/26/09

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State of South Carolina District of Pickens

On this 3rd day of November 1846 personally appeared before the Court of General Sessions and common Pleas for Pickens District aforesaid, Mrs. Susannah Hammond a resident of the said District and State, aged about 89 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 of July 4th 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd 1837. That she was married to Philip Prater who was a private in the militia of South Carolina during the War of the Revolution, that he was as she understood drafted, and served under Captain Maxwell and either Colonels Pickens or Anderson, or both -- she is very old and infirm, and unable to recollect what she has heard him relate of his services, she have other than those that he done service for a considerable length of time in the war, she thinks one or 2 years, as she suffered much during the time with her 3 little children, hiding out and dodging from the Tories and British, that they then lived in Laurens District & afterwards moved to this District near where she now lives and has resided ever since.

She further declares that she was married to the said Philip Prater on Haw River in Guilford County North Carolina, by a Preacher whose name she has forgotten; as near as she can calculate about the year 1775 or 1776, on the 16th day of July, and then they moved to South Carolina where the said Philip Prater died in the year 1797, the day & month not recollected; that she was afterwards married to William Hammond who lived with her but about 2 years and left her, and is a she understands long since dead, those she does not know the date of his death, that she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof here with sent.

S/ Susannah Hammond, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written in open court, before me. S/Josiah J. Evans, Presiding Judge

[fn p. 3]

South Carolina, Pickens District: On this 8th day of April 1850, personally appeared before W D Steele Judge of the Court of Ordinary in open Court, Miles M. Norton Administrator of the Estate of Susannah Hammond deceased late of the District and State aforesaid, and doth upon oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension due to the said Deceased widow, for the benefit of her surviving children. That during her life time and on the 3rd of November 1846, she, the said Susannah Hammond did make her declaration claiming a Pension under the 3rd Section of the Act of 4th of July 1836 and the 1st Section of the Act of 3rd March

1837, to the benefits of which this declarant fully believes she was entitled, but before the matter was prosecuted to success, the said Susannah Hammond died, that her death took place as will appear from the evidence in certificate of Court annexed, on the 9th day of August 1848. That the following are the names of her surviving children, viz.: John Prater, Thomas Prater, Philip Prater, Jeremiah Prater, Aaron Prater, Josiah Prater and Joseph Prater. Seven in number; Thomas, and Philip have not been heard from for 12 or 15 years.

S/ Miles M. Norton, Administrator Sworn to in open Court, the day and year first written, before me

S/W. D. Steele, Judge

[fn p. 24: S. Certificate dated November 12, 1846 from the South Carolina Comptroller Generals office in Columbia listing the payments made to Philip Prater [Prator] for services during the revolution.]

[fn p. 43-44: William Hubbard, 185, of Anderson district South Carolina gave a supporting affidavit saying that he knew Philip & Suzanna Prater in Guilford County (now Rockingham County) in North Carolina prior to their marriage; that he was a "schoolmate" of Susannah Prater prior to her marriage; that he himself served in the revolution in NC but did not moved to South Carolina until after the war at which time he had conversations with Philip Prater in which Philip stated that he served under Captain Maxwell and Colonel Anderson during the revolution.][fn p. 45, John Wilson, 2 also of Anderson District, SC, gave a deposition very similar to that given by William Hubbard.]

[fn p. 47][interesting spelling in the original of the following affidavit]
State of South Carolina Anderson District: Personally appeared before me J. S. Carter one of the Magistrates for said District Basel Smith and being sworn in due form of law on oath saith that he was personally acquainted with Philip Prater who served as a private soldier under the command of Captain Robert Maxwell in the latter part of the Revolutionary War and knew the said Prater well for he was brought to my father's house from out of the camps sick with the small pox and there remained 5 or 6 weeks until able for duty and personally acquainted with the said Prater until his death and knows it to be the same from his marriage for he married Susioniah Hubard [sic, Susannah Hubbard?] a sister to William Hubard who I was well acquainted with also and settled on the waters of Eighteen mile Creek and there remained until his death. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th day of April 1849.

S/ J. S. Carter, M. A. C.

S/ Basel Smith

[facts in file: the widow died at the residence of her son Jeremiah Prater in Pickens District South Carolina

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¹ FPA S21310

² Probably the John Wilson who applied for a pension in file FPA S21581 while living in Greenville District SC.