

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Prince W8289

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State of South Carolina Horry District: Nicolas Prince On this 8th day of November in the year while Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court before me William D. Martin one of the Circuit Judges of the said State, and Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the District of Horry and State aforesaid aged 75, 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 was born in Robinson County [sic, Robeson County] State of North Carolina near on the South Carolina line, that when an infant his parents moved to Catfish in Marion District (then called Georgetown District) and when he was about 3 years old his parents removed to Horry District then called Kingstown Parish) where he has resided ever since. That he was born the 16th March 1758. That he volunteered and entered the service on the first of June 1776 in the Company of Captain Dennis Hawkins, immediately after joining the company he marched to Haddrell's Point near Charleston, there the company joined the Main Army which was stationed there that shortly after he and several others were placed under the command of Captain William Snow and was sent across to Sullivan's Island to lie in ambush to guard against the encroachments of the enemies galleys; that whilst there, Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island near where he was, was attacked by the enemy's fleet, and one vessel was blown up and the fleet was defeated and driven off; that shortly after he was relieved and went home: that during this tour he was out in the service 5 weeks. He remained at home 4 weeks and then was ordered to return to Haddrell's Point and started back under the command of Lieutenant Joseph Sessions that he marched as far as North Santee and then he received orders to return home again and there remained for a short time. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States for 3 years on the 3rd of August 1777 with Edward Conner who was then Corporal in Captain John Weekly's [sic, John Wickly's] Company of the 4th Regiment of Artillery of the Continental line under the command of Colonel Owen Roberts. That immediately on enlisting he was marched to Oat Island near Georgetown & there joined the Regiment and after remaining there 5 months, he was ordered to march with the Regiment to Charleston, and was stationed at Fort Johnson near Charleston and there remained until the Regiment was ordered to march to Purrysburg in the month of March of the following year; that when the Army left, he & 2 others were ordered to remain in Charleston to work in the laboratory in preparing cartridges for canon & small arms, rocket, port fires, tubes and canister shot; that he remained there till the Regiment returned from Purrysburg in the latter part of the summer of 1779; that he then joined his Regiment which was at this time under the command of Colonel Bateman[sic, probably Barnard Beekman] (Colonel Roberts having been killed at the battle at Stono). That the Regiment was shortly after ordered to Savannah in the State of Georgia that he went with yet and was at the

Siege of Savannah. General Lincoln commanded the Army, he was in the battle and saw Count Pulaski when he fell: after a very bloody and obstinate engagement with the enemy of 2 hours duration the American Army was defeated with great loss. After this his Regiment marched back to Charleston where he remained until the City was besieged and when the City fell he was taken prisoner. This was in the month of May 1780: He continued a prisoner 13 days and then effected his escape from the enemy; that during the whole term of his enlistment he was in actual service 2 years and 9 months: After his return home he remained some time & then was at different times called out in the militia service, and after various duties, he was placed under the command of Lieutenant Fitch Harris & marched to join the Army of General Francis Marion at a place called Watboo [sic, Wadboo] not far from Charleston -- he was in service at this time 7 weeks, was then relieved and returned home: after which he was ordered to rendezvous at Georgetown and did so, he remained there with a detachment of General Marion's Army to guard the town from the enemy, 6 weeks; he was then relieved & returned home, and after remaining 5 weeks he was ordered to repair again to Georgetown on the same service and remained at this time 4 weeks.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court before me.

S/ Wm D. Martin, Presiding Judge

S/ Nicholas Prince, X his mark

Edward Conner ¹being duly sworn makes oath that he has had read to him the foregoing Declaration subscribed by Nicholas Prince -- That he knows that he was enlisted at the time and in the manner stated by him. That Deponent left the regular Army soon after the Battle of Stono & Mr. Prince was there in the service and he returned home from after the capture of Charleston by the British Army he knows him to have been a faithful soldier of the Revolutionary War -- has never heard his patriotism doubted or denied & also believes him to be of the age he represents himself to be. Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William D. Martin, Presiding judge

S/ E. Conner

[fn p. 10: on January 31st, 1854, in Horry district South Carolina, Nancy Prince, __ years old, made application for a widows pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Nicholas Prince, deceased, late of Horry district, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$102 per annum; that she married him in the spring of 1807 or 1808 that her husband died about May 1839 [May 4, 1839].]

[facts in file: widow's maiden name was Nancy Shelby; the child who survived the veteran at his death were Thomas, Mary and James.]

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