

Nicholas Prince (1758-1839)
Declarations for a Federal Pension, Revolutionary War Service
2 Sep 1828
8 Nov 1833

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[The first pension application of Nicholas Prince was made in Columbus County, NC on 1 Sep 1828. Apparently, no action was taken on the declaration.]

For the purpose of obtaining the amount of pay accruing to me for the half year ending on the 2nd day of September 1828 under the act entitled an act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved the 15th May 1828.

I, Nicholas Prince in the County of Columbus in the State of North Carolina, do hereby declare that I was a private Soldier of the Army of the Revolution in the Continental line and I have been found entitled by the Secretary of the Treasury under that act to the pay of a private in the said [*line*]. Witness my hand this first day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

Nicholas Prince [*X his mark*]

[The second pension declaration of Nicholas Prince was made 8 Nov 1833 in Horry District, SC. The application was approved 25 Nov 1833 and he was awarded \$102 per year.]

Declaration.

In order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of the seventh June 1832.

State of South Carolina

Nicholas Prince

Horry District

On this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, 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 seventy five years, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth in his oath make the following declaration in order to receive benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Robinson [*Robeson*] County in the state of North Carolina near on the South Carolina line; that when he was an infant his parents moved to Catfish in Marion District (then called Georgetown District), and then when he was about 3 years old his parents moved to Horry District (then called Kingstown Parish) where he has resided ever since. That he was born 16th March 1758.

That he volunteered and entered the service the first of June 1776 in the company of Captain Dennis Hankins. Immediately after joining the company he marched to Hadrele's point [*Hadrelle's Point*] near Charleston. There the company joined the main army that was stationed there. That shortly after, he and several others were placed under the command of Capt. William Snow and was sent a while to Sullivan's Island to lie in ambush to guard against the encroachment of the enemy's galleys. That whilst there, Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island near where he was, was attacked by the enemy fleet, and one vessel was blown up and the enemy's fleet was defeated and driven off.

That shortly after he was relieved and sent home; that during this tour he was out in the service five weeks. He remained at home four weeks and was then ordered to return to Hadrele's point [*Hadrelle's Point*] and started back under the command of Lieut. Joseph Sessions [*prob. John Sessions*]. That he marched as far as North Santee and then received orders to return home again and there remained for a short time.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States for three years, on the ~~first~~ third of August 1777 [*sic, 1778*] with Edward Connor [*Conner*] who was then corporal in Capt. John Weekly's [*Wickly's*] Company in the fourth regiment of artillery of the Continental line under the command of Colonel Owen Roberts. That immediately on enlisting he was marched to Cat Island near Georgetown and there joined the regiment. And, after remaining there five 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 Peurisburg [*Purrysburg*] in the month of March of the following year.

That when the ~~army~~ regiment left, he & two others were ordered to remain in Charleston to work in the laboratory in preparing cartridges for cannon and small arms, rockets, port fires, tubes and canister shot. And he remained there till the regiment retreated from Peurisburg [*Purrysburg*] in the better part of the summer of 1779. That he then joined his regiment which was at this time under the command of Col. Bateman [*Beekman*], (Col. 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 it and was at the Siege of Savannah. Gen'l Lincoln commanded the army. He was in the battle and saw Count Pulasky [*Pulaski*] when he fell. After a very bloody and obstinate engagement with the enemy of two 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 thirteen days and then effected his escape from the enemy. That during the whole time of his enlistment he was in actual service two years and nine 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 Lieut. Fitch Harris and marched to join the army of General Francis Marion at a place called Watboo [*Wadboo*] not far from Charleston. He was in service at this time seven weeks, was then relieved and returned home. Afterwards 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, six weeks. He was then relieved & returned home, and after remaining five weeks he was ordered to repair again to Georgetown on the same service and remained this time four weeks.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

William D. Martin
Presiding Judge

Nicholas X [his mark] Prince

[Witness statement of Edward Conner]

Edward Conner being 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 & Nicholas Prince was then in the service and he returned home from after the capture of Charleston by the British Army and he knows him to have been a faithful soldier of the Revolutionary War. Has never heard his patriotism questioned or denied and also believes him to be of the age he represents himself to be. Sworn to & subscribed before me in open court the deponent aforesaid.

W. D. Martin
Presiding Judge

E. Conner

Pension Bureau record of Nicholas Prince.

U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900

Priestley, John - Pringle, Joseph

... as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pension on file in this Bureau. *Nicholas Prince*

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>June 1, 1776</i>	<i>5 weeks</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Fleming Hawkins</i> <i>John Snow</i>		<i>S. C.</i>
<i>Aug. 3, 1777</i>	<i>2 yrs. 9 mos.</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>John Mackely</i>	<i>Colonel Roberts</i> <i>Beckman</i> <i>Balderson</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>—</i>	<i>17 weeks</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>St. Litch Harris</i>	<i>Gen. James Marion</i>	<i>"</i>

Battles engaged in, *Kingston, Lenoir, and Charleston where captured & escaped after 15 days.*

Residence of soldier at enlistment, *(Kingston, Lenoir) Horry District S.C.*

Date of application for pension, *1805* *His claim was allowed.*