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S.C.

Prestwood, Thomas

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PAID PAYMENT VOUCHER

Received by G.O.

Order to pay May 16, 1837.

Death cert on
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South Carolina 27878

Thomas Prestwood
of Darlington in the State of S. C.
who was a private in the Company commanded
by Captain Shriver of the Regt. commanded
in the S. C.
militia 12mo 25 days

Enrolled on the Roll of South Carolina
the rate of 42 - Dollars 78 Cents per annum,
commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Testimony & Pension issued the 7 day of Aug
1832 and for Alexander
Haltom. C. H. S. C.

Amount to the 1st of Feb 1834 128 34
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 Sept. 21 34

\$ 149.73

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
Not June 7, 1832.

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Declaration
of
Thomas Westwood

15304

Sworn to on Sunday 1st Feb.
1844 at the Court House
D. C. C.

Declaration.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress
passed June 7th 1832.

South Carolina } Court of Common Pleas
Darlington District } Fall Term 1832.

On this the 18th day of October A.D. 1832. Person-
ally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the
Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Thomas ad
Prestwood a resident of Darlington District &
State of South Carolina aged seventy one years
on the 18th of June 1833 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. Capt. Jacob Johnson of the militia
was the first officer under whom he served. He was
drafted by said Johnson in Chesterfield District So. Ca.
about a year before the Declaration of Independence
& the term was one month. - Went from Chesterfield
to Georgetown So. Ca. & thence to Sewee River, thence
to Paduella Point, thence to Fort Mifflin where he
stayed until his time was out - & his discharge
returned to Chesterfield District. Sometime after-
wards he was drafted again & served under Capt.
Thomas Ellerbe - & remained at Cheraw So. Ca.

This was the place of rendezvous for the Companies
from the three districts of Chesterfield, Marlborough and
Darlington. The particular object of the expedition the
Deponent does not recollect. He knows however that the
men from these districts under the Command of Major
Robert Lloyd (or Lide or Loid or Lloyd pronounced Lide)
marched from Charnock to Crangbury, thence to Black
Swamp - thence to Pung-bury where they stayed about
two weeks when the British from the State of Georgia
came upon them & forced them to flee to Charleston
for safety. They reached Charleston by rapid mar-
ching at times to save themselves. There was an en-
gagement however before they reached Charleston.
Gen. Moultrie who commanded the Americans de-
tached three hundred picked men to destroy the
Bridge at Coosabatchie which the Americans had
passed & which the British had yet to pass in their
pursuit of the Americans. This was done as de-
ponent believes for the purpose of checking the
progress of the British & securing the retreat of
the Americans. As to this however deponent does
not speak with confidence inasmuch as he was
but a private soldier & his only duty was to obey
orders - He was one of those three hundred who
went back to Coosabatchie to destroy the Bridge -
this they effected - Col Lawrence (or Laurens) had
the command of the detachment. He was wounded
at the Bridge in the arm by a Ball - his horse was
killed & shot through the hips - As soon as the
Bridge was broken down the detachment hurried on
to overtake the main body which they succeeded in

being about ten miles off. On the day after the news
came reached Charleston the British had come
in sight & on that night they kept up a warm fire
on the British - the day afterwards a white flag was
sent into Charleston by the British Commissioner de-
manding a surrender of the town. No answer was sent
to it & they (the British) moved on to Stono & Depo-
nent was sent with a detachment to assist Gen. Moultrie
in the Battle at Stono but did not reach there in time
he got as far as Maysboro Cut & stayed there until
the British had quit Stono & gone to John's Island.
The detachment then returned to Charleston where de-
po-
nent stayed until he had completed the term
of five months when he rec'd his discharge & re-
turned home. His discharge was handed to him by
Capt. Clarke but he does not know who signed it.
Depo-
nent saw a great many of the regular soldiers
& officers whilst he was in Charleston but does not re-
collect any of their names. It was no part of his
duty to inquire - & if he heard without inquiring
he has forgotten them. In relation to this there
was but little intercourse between the soldiers in
the militia & those in the Regular service. The next
he was drafted was when the British were at
Moultrie's Corner on Cooper River. He joined Genl.
Francis Marion on Santee River. Landed Ferry. He
was in a small engagement during this draft
Depo-
nent was out, (as a mounted militia man)
on a short excursion with Col. Mays' light
horse company when they came across a party
of British. He was sent out to accompany

These they pursued, in the distance of 8 miles success-
ful in taking away one of them by killing Jones. He
knew of nothing else worth relating during this pursuit.
which lasted for one month in Camp. The balance
of his service as a soldier was of this Expedition. The
Militia of Craven County (now called Chesterfield,
Burlington & Marlborough Districts) were divided into
three parts who were out successively in Camps for
one month at a time. It was so arranged that
two thirds of the militia Companies were always at
home as a protection from the Tories. whilst the
other third was with General Manin on foreign
duty. He (this Dependent) served in this manner
between 2 & 3 years always turning out when his
duty required it. At these times he served some-
times under Capt. Alex^r. Mcintosh, Capt. Joseph
Jones, Capt. David Sparks & others, whose names he
does not at present recollect. He was born in
Chesterfield Dist. N. C. on the 18th day of Jan^y 1762.
His age was recorded in a Book by his Father
which Book was lost on the death of his Father.
He has already stated when he was called
into the service & the manner in which he
served. Since the Revolutionary war he has
lived in Chesterfield District & Burlington Dis-
trict in the latter of which places he now
lives. He has no documentary evidence of his
services - his discharge he has lost long since
not supposing they would ever be of service
to him. He took but little care of them & has
lost them long since. The general circumstances

of his services he has also stated according
to the best of his recollection. stated, he has for-
gotten, but he has referred to events which
may point to them accurately enough. He is
known to John Powell, Nathan Mason, Caleb
Poker, Shadrach Johnson, William Bready & many
other gentlemen of respectability who live in his
neighborhood who can testify as to his character
for veracity & their belief of his services as a
Soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes
every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except
the present & declares that his name is not on the
Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & signed this day & year aforesaid
He swears also that Mrs Cox & Samuel Cox
were with him in the Revolutionary war. & could
testify to his services but he is not able to pro-
cure their attendance in Court was much as
they live in Marlborough district - Also that
it is out of his power to procure a Clery-
man to testify as to his character. Thomas
Mason a Cleryman resident in his neighbor-
hood is sick so that he cannot procure his
attendance.

Thomas Preston

By Earle

Ready Judge of the Court of
Common Pleas & Sessions in and for the County of
Darlington Court house in the said & desired
reference

South Carolina
Darlington District

Personally appeared before me & made oath
John Powell, that he has been acquainted
with Thomas Pastwood who has subscribed & sworn
to the above Declaration for forty years last
past - that the said Pastwood has main-
tained a fair & irreproachable character in
his neighbourhood where he is well known -
that he is generally respected & believed to have
been a Soldier of the Revolution, & that he
the said Powell concurs in that opinion
sworn to & signed the day & year aforesaid

B. J. Carr

John Powell

Residing Judge

as aforesaid

And the said Court do hereby declare their
opinion after the investigation of the matter & after
perusing the evidence presented by the
War Department, that the above named John
Powell was a revolutionary Soldier & as he
states and the Court further certifies that it ap-
pears to them that John Powell who has signed
the above certificate is a resident of Darlington District
& that his statement is entitled to credit

B. J. Carr

Residing Judge

South Carolina

Charleston District

J. John B. Bruce, Clerk of the Court
& Common Pleas for the District of
apresaid do hereby certify that I am
~~not~~ acquainted with John Powell
who has subscribed the above affidavit
that his statement is entitled to ~~the~~
credit, - that I am not acquaint-
ed with Thomas Prestwood but
have full faith as to any thing
said of him by Mr. John Powell
I do further certify that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings of
the Court in the matter of the appli-
cation of Thomas Prestwood for a
Pension
Given under my hand & Seal of the
Court this Octo 16th 1833.

J. John B. Bruce
Clerk

South-Western Rail-Road Bank,

Charleston, 29 March 1853

RECEIVED OF JOHN C. COCHRAN, Agent for paying Pensions,

Pension, due to *Thomas Rutledge* Dollars *29* Cents, being for *6* Months *4* days
1852 to the *4* day of *March* 1853 for which I have signed duplicate receipts.

29 2/100

Adam St. Mose

State of South-Carolina, } ss.

Charleston District.

Be it known, That on the *29*th day of *March* 1853, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said District, duly authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths, personally appeared *E. Adams* the attorney named in the foregoing power of attorney, and made oath that he has no interest whatever in the money he is authorized to receive, by virtue of the foregoing power of attorney, either by any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer, and that he does not know or believe that the same has been so disposed of to any person whatever.

Sworn and Subscribed, the day and year last

of the mentioned, before me.

John C. Cochran

E. Adams

1881

March 25 - Reported R. Chapman; Eff. L. & H. Patterson; Angered
and rec^d - an answer that they were not in funds for the above.
This advice for p^gc. was then returned to R. L. Deane
in conformity with his directions, without giving to the effect of having
it forwarded - as appears from letter of the above dated
J. Chapman

Copy of Ingrams
Draft.

London N.Y. 28 Feb 1831

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Gentle.

or order ninety Dollars Value rec'd & charge the same
to the acct of
To Messrs Patterson & Magwood }
Factors Charleston S.C. } Richd. Chapman

(Endorsement)
Pay to Wm Dudley or order
(Signed) Wm Dudley

Pay to Thomas Chapman without any recourse
to me (or order)

Wm Dudley

Thomas Peterson

53.54

D. Co.

Adm. as a private

12 mo 25 day

\$42.78

Direct to (M. B. B. B.) at
Marlborough St. N. Y. Co.

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of which require further proof or explanation.

I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides?

II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides?

III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?

IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served?

V. * Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled?

to + (This question not having been marked in the negative with red ink, cannot be said to convey an objection. Should the Prob(+) have been intended for that purpose, we repeat that this Declaration Shaffer says "none")

VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations?

VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832?

VIII. Has the Court given their opinion?

IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate?

X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal?

XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? - *Yes - only one clergyman (Ch. Chapman)*

Clergyman is now Maine

XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it? *No.*

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had? *No.*

XIV. † If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service?

If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses?

Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct?

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service?

XVI. † Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? *No - (We have endeavored to supply all defects of this character which we could do - cover)*

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered?

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

* QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:
"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For _____ year _____ months, and _____ days, I served as a _____; For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____; and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the years, the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shown under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

QUIRE XIV. *Proof of Service.*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

QUIRE XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers.*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

The papers of Mr. Preston were returned that
among other things, he simply specify his service, as
pointed in the above paragraph as it has not
been so done, &c. again returned for further
age 4/1/34

South Carolina - }
Darlington District } Apr 2nd 1833
Common Pleas

We Robert Campbell - a Clergyman and
Martin Lewis residing in State and District
aforesaid do hereby certify that we are well acquainted
with Thomas Restwood who has subscribed and sworn
to the above declaration, that we believe him to be
seventy One years of age, that he is reputed & believed
in the neighbourhood in which he resides to have been
a Soldier of the Revolution & that we consent in
that opinion.
Sworn & Subscribed this day }
& year aforesaid }
A. D. 1833 }
R. Campbell
Martin Lewis

And the Court certifies that it appears to them that
Robert Campbell - who has signed the fore-
going Certificate is a Clergyman resident in Darlington
District S. C. & that Martin Lewis who has
also signed the same Certificate is a credible person and
that their statement is entitled to credit

Richard Gault

Corbett Caroline
Washington Dist

I. Jno. 10. Bruce Clerk of the Court
do also certify that ~~Shedden~~ who has signed
this Amendment as a Justice of the Supreme
is such & that full faith & credit are
due to his official acts

The State of South Carolina }
Washington District }
1833

I. Jno. 10. Bruce Clerk of the Court & Common
Place for the District and State aforesaid
do hereby certify that the foregoing contains
the original proceedings of the Court in the
Matters of the application of Thomas
Robertson for a Divorcement

Given under my hand & Seal of Office
this 10th day of June 1833

Jno. 10. Bruce
C. C. B.

Jno. 10. Bruce
C. C. B.

The State of South Carolina }
Charleston District } 1833

I, John B. Bruce Clerk of the Court of Common
Pleas for the District and State aforesaid
do hereby certify that the foregoing contains
the original proceedings of the Court in the
matter of the application of Thomas
Prestwood for a Pension.

Given under my hand & Seal of Office
this 22nd day of ~~March~~ ^{October} 1833.

John B. Bruce

C. C. H.

John B. Bruce
C. C. H.

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INVALID.

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W. H. H. H.

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

The State of South Carolina
Darlington District

Thomas Anderson of the District and State aforesaid, appeared before me & made oath to the following facts as an Andover servant to his declaration for a Pension under the Act of Congress, passed June 7 1838. That his service under the following General occurred at the times & places stated below.

1st His 1st occurrence in the war was under Capt. Jacob Johnson in the first part of the year 1779, & not before the declaration of Independence as stated in the original declaration. He knows that the term of his service took place the year before the surrender of Charleston, which by reference to the history of that period will fix it in the year 1779. He served as a private in the militia service, into which he was drafted by the said Johnson & sent to Fort Johnson on James Island, where he was stationed & remained there for fifty days, being ten days longer than he was drafted for. He is entitled to mention that Capt. Johnson threw up his commission before he reached Fort Johnson & the Command of his Company devolved upon Capt. Morris Mumfry, from whom the Department took his discharge & returned home. His term of his service is detailed in original declaration July 1st marked - c.

2^d His next term of service commenced on the 1st of March 1779 & in the militia as before - under Capt. Thomas Clarke as detailed in original declaration marked - d. He served at this time until the last of July in the same year, making a term of five months.

3^d In the year 1780 at or about the month of April, under the Command of Capt. Alexander M. Salsob, Col. Rolt being the highest Officer, he served, he served one month & a half in the militia as above. He was marched down to Georgetown, thence to Charleston, but the British, being at Challop

Point, prevented them from going to Charleston to join the
Minutemen - they proceeded from there to Cedar Creek where
they were stationed a short time - & from thence proceeded
to Murray's Ferry on the river for the purpose of making
another effort to cross the river. Here they were met by
the American forces from Charleston, who informed them
that the city was taken, & they returned to their
homes.

4th He was not called on again until sometime about the
month of Oct. 1781. when he served one month under
Capt. David Sparks, in Gen. Marion's Camps on the
River as detailed in original declaration submitted "C".

5th On or about the 1st of Aug. 1782, he served one month
under Capt. Joseph Jones in Marion's Camps on the
River & thereabouts, whenever his mode of warfare re-
quired it necessary for him to move.

6th One month in the same year under Capt. Elisha
Mages. - One month under Capt. Morris Murphy
& one month under Capt. David Sparks. - & each
time in Gen. Marion's Camps.

7th In the year 1783, one month under Capt. David
Sparks. Compting his service in the Revolutionary
War, amounting in the whole to thirteen months &
twenty five days, which he served as a Private in the
Military. He also swears that for the periods above-
mentioned, he served with an embodied Corps, called
into service, as he believes by competent authority, that
he the Dependent was either in the field or in Garrison
& for the time during which the service was performed
he was not employed in any civil function.

Shown & signed before me
this 29th July 1834

Thomas Prestwood

A. A. J. for N. P. et al. 2.

South Carolina
Washington Dist.

I, John B. Bruce, Clerk of the Court of
Common Pleas for the Dist and State
above said do hereby certify that J.
M. McInerney has signed this
affidavit to Thomas McInerney
Declaration, as a Notary Public and
Justice of the Peace, is such & that
his official Certificate is entitled to
credit.

Given under my hand and
Seal of Office this 30th day of
July 1834.

J. M. B. Bruce
C. C. P.

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7 June 1832
Thomas Rustwood
\$21.39

Consolidated Files Section,
Room 573, Patent Office.

Charleston, S.C.
17th. 1853
Box 35
C- 228

State of South Carolina,
Darlington District.

Be it known that before me Charles B. Fort,
a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, personally appeared
Thomas Prestwood and made oath in due form of law, that he is
the identical person named in an original certificate in his posses-
-sion of which I certify, the following is a true copy
War Department, Revolutionary Claims, I certify that in conformity
with the law of the United States of the 7th June 1882 Thomas
Prestwood of the State of South Carolina who was a private
in the War of the Revolution is entitled to receive forty two
dollars and seventy eight cents per annum during his natural
life, commencing on the fourth of March 1881, and payable semi-
-annually on the 1st of March and 1st of September in every
year.

C. B. Fort

Given at the War Office of the United
States this seventh day of August one
thousand, eight hundred and thirty four

Examined and countersigned

J. J. Edwards

John Forsyth

Acting Secretary of War

Commissioner of Pensions

That he now resides in Chesterfield District and has resided
there for the space of fifteen years past, and that previous
thereto he resided in the same District and Darlington

Sworn and subscribed this
eighteenth day of March 1888
before me

his
Thomas P. Prestwood
mark

Charles B. Fort
Witness G. G. Foster Magistrate

State of South Carolina
District of Darlington }
15th March 1853.

I Charles B Fort a Magistrate in the District above named
do hereby certify that I have the most satisfactory evidence
from personal knowledge that Thomas Pastwood who has
this day appeared before me to take the oath of identity is the
identical person named in the Pension Certificate which he has
exhibited to me numbered 27878 and bearing date at the War
Office the seventh day of August 1834 and signed by John
Forsyth Acting Secretary of War


Given under my hand at Society Hill on the day and
year above written
Charles B Fort
Magistrate

I Q B Brunson Clerk of the Court of Darlington District
certify that Charles B Fort is a Magistrate as above
and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his is
genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed
my Seal of Office and subscribed
my name this twenty first day
of March in the year 1853

Q B Brunson
Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Freestwood of South Carolina a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States do hereby constitute and appoint Messrs. Adams & Frost my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to receive from the Agent of the United States for paying Pensions in Charleston South Carolina my Pension from the fourth of September 1862 to the fourth of March 1863. Witness my hand and seal this 15 day of March 1863

Sealed and delivered
in presence of
C. Foster

Thomas ^{his} Freestwood 
mark

State of South Carolina
Darlington District

Be it known that on the eighteenth day of March 1863. before the subscriber a Magistrate in and for said District personally appeared Thomas Freestwood above named and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be his act and deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year above mentioned. Charles B. Felt
Magistrate

SOURCE INFORMATION

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Veteran: Prestwood, Thomas
Pensioner: [Blank]
Service: S.C.
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Served for: United States of America
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