

## Washington County, Maryland

### Declaration of James Primm

(1754 – 1820)

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The following was transcribed from the microfilmed document "Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files," The National Archives, Washington DC, microcopy No. 804, roll 1978, frame 0265, file no. S35034 for James Primm. An abbreviated set of documents (digital images of originals) can be found at <http://www.ancestry.com>.

The transcription is rendered as accurately as possible, including any misspellings, with the exception of the use of the script "ps", which is transcribed as "ss".

District of Maryland, Washington County

On this ninth day of May in the year Eighteen hundred and Eighteen before me the subscriber Chief Judge of the fifth Judicial district of the State of Maryland Composed of the Counties of Frederick, Washington and Allegany personally appears James Primm age Sixty four years a resident in Washington County in the district aforesaid, who being by me first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" – That be the said James Primm enlisted in the month of February 1776 in Stafford County in the State of Virginia in Captain William Washingtons Company for two years, remained in Virginia with the Company until August following when he went to New York Col. Hugh Mercer commanded the Regiment he belonged to, afterwards Colonel Weaton who was promoted and the command devolved on Col. Marshall, that be the said James Primm was discharged at Valley Forge on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1778 by General Woodford, that be ?? ?? now his discharge. That during the term of his service he was at the Battles of Trenton and Brandewien after his discharge he was appointed a Capt<sup>n</sup> in the Militia in the State of Virginia and was out several times on short tours until the end of the war – and that he is in reduced circumstances, and Stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support, and that he has ?? Evidence of his Services now in his power ?? to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Jn<sup>o</sup> Buchanan

I John Buchanan Chief Judge ?? as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said James Primm did serve in the Revolutionary War as Stated

in the preceeding declaration, against the Common Enemy, and now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the directions of the act of Congress

9<sup>th</sup> May 1818

[signed] Jn<sup>o</sup> Buchanan

State of Maryland Washington County to wit,

I hereby certify that the Honourable John Buchanan whose name is signed to the aforegoing affidavit and certificate is Chief Judge of the fifth Judicial district of the State of Maryland composed of the Counties of Frederick, Washington and Allegany duly commissioned and qualified

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed by name and affixed the Seal of my office this ninth day of May Eighteen hundred and Eighteen.

[signed] J. H. Williams Clk of the Court  
Maryland

State of Maryland Washington County

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818 before me the Subscribed Chief Judge of the fifth Judicial District aforesaid personally appeared General Samuel Ringgold and made oath on the Holy Scriptures of Almighty God that James Primm is in indigent circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn before

[signed] Jn<sup>o</sup> Buchanan

I John Buchanan Chief Judge of the fifth Judicial District aforesaid, do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that James Primm did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceeding declaration against the common enemy, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support, and I now transmit the proceeding and testimony taken and had as aforesaid to the Secretary for the Department of War- pursuant to the directions of the Act of Congress

10 September 1818

[signed] Jn<sup>o</sup> Buchanan

There are many pages of documentation in the pension file and several of the most significant are included here:

Maryland

James Primm of Washington Co in the state of Maryland who was a private in the regiment commanded by Colonel H Mercer of the Virginia line, for the term of 2 years

Inscribed on the Roll of Maryland at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on the 9th of May 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 16th of July 1819 and delivered to Mr Joseph Edwards of Louden County Virg<sup>a</sup>

Arrears to 4th Mar 1819 \$78.96

Semi-anl. All'ce ending 4th Sept. 1819 \$48 -

9 & 27/31 mos \$126.96

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

James Primm Appears with the rank of Sergt on a Pay Roll of part of Capt. William Washington's Company, 3d Virginia Regiment, not drawn for in the pay roll of March, 1777.

James Primm Sergt, Capt. William Washington's Co. 3d Virginia Reg't of Foot commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall. Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above for the month of June, 1777.

James Primm Sergt, Capt. Gustavus Brown Wallace's Company, 3d Virginia Reg't, commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall. Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above for the month of Aug, 1777.

James Primm Q M Sergt 3d Virginia Reg't of Continental Forces, commanded by Lieut. Col. William Heth. Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above for the month of Dec, 1777.

Jas Primm Q M Sergt 3d Virginia Regiment, commanded by Lieut. Col. William Heth. Appears on Field and Staff Muster Roll of the organization named above for the month of Feb, 1778. Remarks: Discharged Feb 1/78

James Primm Appears with the rank of Privt on a Pay Roll of a Detachment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virg<sup>a</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> for the Additional Months pay allowed by Congress, Feb<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>, 1778, dated Yorktown Feb 18, 1778.

James Primm, Serg Major, Appears on a List of Absentees of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regt. Wm. Mountjoy P M Not dated. Remarks: Discharged, Endorsement: Settled February 1779.