

Transcription by Barbara Poythress Neal Oct. 31, 1995 of the photocopied records received from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), upon seeking the **PENSION FILE** for **REVOLUTIONARY** service of **JOSHUA PRESTON**, from Brunswick County, VA, who served in the Continental Line from Virginia as a Private. The carbon copy of my request form sent to NARA which came back with the copies indicates "COMPLETE FILE COPIED."

Service  
Va.

Preston, Joshua

Number  
S 8981  
carded

Dead  
See letter fr. G.C.Dromgoole  
Dec. 29. 1836

Virginia 23.096

===== Sent to Secretary of War 13  
Jany 1838 Joshua Preston. \_\_\_\_\_

[of] Brunswick in the State of Virginia  
[who] was a Prv. in the \_\_\_\_\_ commanded  
[by] Captain \_\_\_\_\_ of the Regt commanded  
[by] Lawson in the \_\_\_\_\_  
[servd?] for [6] mo [&] 29 days Va.c

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Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia  
[at] the rate of 23 Dollars 22 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 6th day of Nov: 33.  
and [Clerk] Robt. Turnbull  
Lawrenceville Va

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Arrears to the 4th of Sept. 1833	58.05
Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Mar 34	<u>11.61</u>
	\$69.66

Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832

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No. 8981

Joshua Preston

Pri. Rev. War

Act: June 7th 32

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[Arrangement of 1870]

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Pension Office

report

Mr. Evans

[This appears to be a wrapper for the following]

[Note: this one appears to be a letter:]

H. of R. 10th Jany 1838.

To the Secretary of War

Sir,

I enclose some papers for inspection by the proper officer in your department as also the accompanying letter of Mr. Turnbull Clerk of the Court I shall be glad to receive the information he requests.

Respectfully, Sir,

Your obt. Servant,

George C. Dromgoole

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Va Sept 3  
27-406  
Joshua Preston

Lawrenceville Va  
[Accgt? or Augt?] 30 Free

The Secretary of the War Department,  
Washington City  
D.C.

Mail

Admit as probate  
[6?]mo + 29 days  
23 22  
[wax seal]

State of Virginia Brunswick County to wit:

On this 26 day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Brunswick now Sitting Joshua Preston born in the said County of Brunswick and State aforesaid now a resident of the same aged Seventy three years, but has no record of his age, 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 7th June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted militia man, the year not recollected, and served a Term of Six weeks under Captn. John Hicks, and marched to the

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neighborhood of Suffolk, and remained there until duly discharged, that Genl Lawson was the Commanding Officer, and Jacob Paine & Peter John Waggon[er?] were field officers. That he

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Served another Term of Six weeks, year not recollected, as a drafted Militia man under the Command of Captn Vaughan.

That the aforesaid Paine & Waggoner & Genl Lawson were the field Officers; That he marched to the neighborhood of Suffolk and was stationed sometimes at Mc[Kies?] mill and sometimes at [Va abt?] Old field: That he was drafted and Served a tour of

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three months under Captain James Harrison, that he was first marched in the neighborhood of Suffolk, and from thence to the Point of fork above Richmond on James River, that Genl Lawson was the commanding Officer, about the time they were to be discharged Baron Steuben arrived with the regular Troops, and detained him a day or two over their time, the year he was drafted and the time discharged not recollected\_ That soon after his return home from his last tour hē was ordered to rendezvous at Swanns Point



under Capt. Peter Jones. That while at Swanns Point there was a draft of the Militia, to ascertain who should go to the Siege of [Little?] York, and he was drafted to go, that he marched to York under Capt. Peter Jones, that he remained at York until the Surrender of Cornwallis, he saw the British Troops ground their arms, and that he then marched with the prisoners to about two days March of Winchester, as he was informed, and was taken sick & discharged, the year not recollected, he does not remember the precise time he served but thinks it was five or six weeks. That he never marched out of Virginia and was in no battle except the Siege of York. That he has no documentary evidence to prove his Services. That there is no person now living within his recollection who can prove his services, that by reason of Old age and infirmity his memory is greatly impaired. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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Joshua + Preston

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We James J. Harrison xxxxxxxx residing in the County of Brunswick, and Stephen Ellis residing in the same County, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Joshua Preston, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy three years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution; and that we concur in that opinion. -

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid -

Jas J Harrison

Stephen Ellis

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after this investigation of the matter and after [??]tting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above examined applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and Served as he states\_ And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that James J. Harrison and Stephen Ellis who have signed the preceding certificate, are residents of Brunswick County, and are credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I Robert Turnbull Clerk of the County Court of Brunswick, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Joshua Preston for a Pension\_

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and annex the seal of the said Court, this 30th day of August one thousand, eight hundred and thirty three, and in the fifty eighth year of our foundation\_

RTurnbull