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John Price appears in the 1835 Pensioners listing of Greene County, age 76. He was placed on the Pensions Register effective September 27, 1819. At that time, he lived in Blount County, TN. For reasons not known, his Pension was suspected on May 1, 1820. He relocated to Greene County where he applied for Pension under the Act of 1832.

Pension Application of John Price R8474 Mary Price VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 13 Oct 2014.

State of Tennessee } On this 27th day of September 1819 before me James Tuck one of the Justices of the County Court of Blount and one of the Judges of the Court of Quorum of Blount County } said County (the same being a Court of Record) personally appeared John Price aged sixty years the 21st of May last a Citizen of Greene County (E Tennessee) who in order to obtain the benifit of the late act of Congress which provides for persons who served nine months or more in the continental establishment of the United States makes upon oath being by me first duly sworn the following declaration to wit That in the month of October 1775 at Orange Courthouse virginia he enlisted as a Private Soldier in the regular army of the United Collonies for the term of three years in the company of Captain Joseph Spencer a part of the fourth Virginia regiment said regiment being commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens; see endnote] That he said John Price continued to serve in said regiment and company against the common enemy as a soldier of the United States for three years and at the expiration of his time he was discharged at Williamsburgh virginia by Colonel Edward Stephens who was then a General That he said John Price was in the Battles of White Plains [28 Oct 1776] and Germanton [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] That he afterwards was an Ensign in the Militia Service in the Battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] and in which he was wounded in the hip by a musket ball which yet disables him That his discharge is lost or mislaid by time or accident That he knows of no other evidence now in his power of his said service that he know of That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assisstance of his country for support That he never has been a Pensioner of any Government for said services & hereby releases all claim to a pension except under the provisions of said act Sworn to and subscribed the date above

John Price

State of Tennessee } On this 27th day of September 1819 before me James Turk Judge as Blount County } aforesaid personally appeared Joseph Robertson [Joseph Robeson, pension application S4158] a Citizen of Blount County aged fifty nine years in June last who being a respectable Citizen who being by me first duly sworn maketh oath that he knew the before named John Price during the revolutionary war about the month of June 1778 as well as he recollects as a Soldier in the regular army of the United States That he has known said John Price and his circumstances latterly very well that he does believe him the said John Price to be in reduced circumstances and that he does stand in need of the assistance of his country for support That when he became first acquainted with said Price he heard him speak of having been several years in the service of the United States and that he verily believes the said Price did serve the time by him and as he states and that he is entitled to full credit when upon oath as much so as any man as this deponant believes.

Joseph Robegon

State of Tennessee }

Greene County } Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions

On this 23^d.day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions of said County (being a Court of Record) now sitting, John Price, a resident of said County of Greene, in the state aforesaid, aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. - That he was born in Essex County in the state of Virginia, on the 21st. of May 1759. as appears from his Father's Register, now in the possession of this applicant - That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 with Captain Spencer, and served in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers - The Company in which he served was commanded by the above named Capt Spencer, and the Regiment by Colonel Stephens - the names of the other officer's he is unable, at this remote period, to recollect. He enlisted at Orange Court house in the State of Virginia (at which place he resided at the time of entering the service) for the term of two years and a half, as well as he now recollects, and continued in the service, uninterruptedly, until after the defeat of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], being upwards of six years- That the two first years of this period, he served as a private soldier - as nearly as he can recollect, but owing to his advanced age, and consequent failure of memory he cannot possibly state the exact period, or be precise in relation to dates - after the expiration of said two years he was first promoted to the grade of ensign in Capt Little's company and served as such for about the space of eighteen months probably more, the precise time he cannot state, and was then advanced to the grade of Lieutenant in the Commissary Department under Col. Thomas and served as such until after the defeat of Cornwallis (being about two years and a half as nearly as he can recollect) when he was discharged. - That he obtained a regular Discharge signed, as he believes, by Col Abisha Thomas and Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen], but that said Discharge, as well as his Commissions as Ensign & Lieutenant, together with many other valuable private papers, he lost by accident not long after he left the service, and this is one reason why he cannot be more specific as to dates, having no written memmorandem to refresh his recollection -

He further states, that from Orange Court house when he first enlisted the Regiment to which he belonged was marched to Williamsburg in the state of Virginia, and was then stationed to defend that point - While at Williamsburg he was ordered to march to Long Bridge town, in the state of Virginia, and there had an engagement with the Brittish, and defeated them [Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] thence he marched to Norfolk and remained there until that place was burned [by Lord Dunmore, 1 Jan 1776] - thence he returned to Williamsburg again, and then remained until our Regiment was ordered to the North to join the troops of Gen'l. Washington. he marched to some town in Pennsylvania, the name not recollected, he remained there some time, but before reaching Washington's troops he received orders to change our direction and repair to the South to aid Genl. [Benjamin] Lincoln, then in South Carolina - and accordingly did so. That while at the South he was engaged in several battles, and various skirmishes with the Brittish forces - That he was in a battle at a place called Stono [Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779] - That he was present and engaged in the battle when Genl. [Horatio] Gates was defeated near Camden [16 Aug 1780]. - He was also engaged in the battle of Eutaw Springs, and was there wounded - He was also at the battle of Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. In addition to these, he was also engaged in several skirmishes and scouting expeditions the particular of which cannot now recollect.

He also states that he was duly commissioned both an Ensign and Lieutenant, but that said commissions have been lost as above stated, and he is unable now to state by whom said commissions were signed, owing to the failure of his memory. He further states that the only person now living that he knows of, who knew of his having been an officer in the Revolutionary War, is Joseph Dunlap [pension application S38676], a citizen of said County of Greene, Isaac Justis Esqr, and the Rev'd. Stephen Brooks, who are also residents of said County of Greene, all of whom can testify as to his character for veracity – He further states that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the agency of East Tennessee in the year 1819. as he believes, and was continued on said Roll a little upwards of five months, and was stricken from the same under the act of Congress of May 1st 1820. as he has been informed. 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, only on that of the agency in the State of Tennessee.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforsaid

John Price

Personally appeared in open Court Joseph Dunlap, a resident of Greene County aforesaid, aged Eighty five years who being duly sworn according to law states, that he was a soldier of the Revolution, that after having been engaged in the service for some time at the North, that his Regiment was ordered to march to the South, that upon reaching a place called the Cheraw hills in South Carolina, where our Regiment was stationed some time, we were joined by the 4th Regiment of Virginia troops, and remained there together, encamped, for perhaps the space of three months or upwards. He further states that there was belonging to one of the companies of said Regiment, a Lieutenant whose name was John Price, that he saw him, and heard his name called daily for nearly all the above space of time, and although he had not an intimate acquaintance with said Price, yet he knew him very well when he saw him, and is well satisfied that the above named applicant is the identical John Price with whom he was acquainted in the service during the Revolutionary War and who was Lieutenant in said 4th Regiment commanded by Col Stephens. He is satisfied that said Price ranked, and acted as Lieutenant in said Regiment. After leaving the Cheraw hills our Regiments met again at a place called Stono bridge [sic] within twelve miles of Charleston at that place we separated, and did not meet again. He cannot state how long said Price was in the service or how long he served as Lieutenant, but has understood from soldiers who served in the same Regiment with said Price, that he served as Lieutenant for perhaps between two and three years, and was in the service in all upwards of six years. Joseph hisXmark Dunlap Sworn to in open Court this 23^d April 1833

NOTES:

In Oct 1775 Edward Stevens was Lieutenant Colonel, and Joseph Spencer was Captain, in the Culpeper District Battalion of Minute Men. Col. Edward Stevens commanded the 10th Virginia Regiment from 12 Nov 1776 to 31 Jan 1778, when he resigned. He was later General in command of a militia brigade. Col. Adam Stephen briefly commanded the 4th Virginia Regiment before being promoted to General.

On 2 May 1840 Mary Price, about 77, applied for a pension stating that she married John Price on 18 Jan 1781, and he died 16 Feb 1839. Her application included a page of a family register (part of which has been cut out) certified by Alexander Price as being in the handwriting of his father, John Price, and transcribed below. On 15 Dec 1843 Richardson (or Richison) Richison Price, 46, on behalf of himself and other surviving children, applied for his mother's pension, which had been suspended for an unknown reason. He stated that she died on 31 March 1842 leaving the following surviving children: Elizebeth Carter, Lucinda Dell, Josiah Price, Richardson Price, Alex Price, and Nancy Ann Jones. On 26 March 1844 Richison Price, still 46, applied again, but stated that his mother died on 31 March 1840, and that Nancy Ann Jones and Lucinda Dell had died. On 30 Sep 1844 Richison Price, said to be still 46, stated that Nancy Ann Jones died on 3 March 1843 leaving children named Lucinda Jones, Mary Jones, William Jones, and Nancy Ann Jones, and that Lucinda Dell died on 10 Oct 1843 leaving children named Mary Hardin, John Dell, Johnathan Dell, Leonard Dell, and Nancy Ann Dell.

BIRTHS.

John Price the Son of thomas Price & Mary Price Was Born May the 21 1759 Mary Brown Now Mary Price Was Born 1763 Mark the 30th [last digit looks like 1] Abraham Price the Son of John & Mary Price Born october 23 1781 William Price the Son of John & Mary Price Was Born May the 2 1784 John Price Jn'r. Son of John Price Sen'r. & Mary Price Was Born october 15 1786 Elizebeth Price the daughter of John & Mary Price Was Born June the 25 1789 Lucindey Price Was Born the Daughter of John & Mary Price March the 7 1791 [The Family Record is too faded to include the actual document. The original document also states John Price, the Revolutionary War soldier was the son of Thomas and Mary Price. Omitted from the above transcribed list of their children is Richardson Price, possibly because his name was illegible in the original document.]

John Price signed his Will on October 30, 1838. The Will was probated March 4, 1839. John's widow, Mary, was added to the Pension Rolls July 7, 1838, being granted a pension of \$80 per annum.

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Mary Price was deceased before April 1849, when John and Mary's son Richardson Price wrote to Andrew Johnson to make an inquiry with authorities. Based on the timing of this Letter, Richardson may have been inquiring about Bounty Land due to Soldiers or their heirs under the Act of 1851.

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Price Cemetery near Romeo

John and Mary Price lived on Puncheon Camp Creek, "one mile east of Romeo" [Greene County Pioneer Volume 6, Number 2, page 47.] John purchased this land of 100 acres on May 25, 1813.

The Price Cemetery off the Horton Highway is also about one mile east of Romeo. This location and cemetery may well be the farm of the Revolutionary War Soldier and the final resting place of John, Mary and their family members. John's Son, John Junior, had served in the War of 1812. He predeceased his Father.

Oddly enough, no tombstones of the Price surname are found in Price Cemetery. The only mention of the Price surname is this Memorial Marker.

Son, 'Richesson' Price who wrote a letter to Andrew Johnson on behalf of his widowed Mother, was a witness to the Will of David Brown signed January 15, 1843. David Brown's son William and many of his descendants are buried in Price Cemetery in a large family plot.