

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Parish [Parrish] VAS121

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify upon oath that William Parish a pilot in the Revolutionary War taken by the enemy & put on parole but before Exchanged or released died in this place four days after he returned home – Given under my hand & seal this the 29th of October 1831

S/ John Cunningham

Elizabeth City County to wit

Kenan before me a Justice of the Peace for said County John Cunningham who has made oath to the foregoing Certificate. Sworn under my hand this the 29th of October 1832

S/ Wm Hope, JP

To the Governor of Virginia

Your petitioner Sarah Skinner & others respectfully states. –

That their Grandfather William Parrish was a Pilot of the Virginia State Navy in time of the revolution. That he was taken a prisoner & finally put on parole, but died a few days after he returned home. –

His representatives never received any land Bounty & pray that it may now be allowed them.

S/ Sarah Skinner & others

by

S/ A. M. Green, their Atty

I do Certify that William Parrish the Pilot was in the Navy in time of the Revolution, I was young but knew of his services – He was my father and put on parole about the year 1781 – he reached home on parole; but died a few days thereafter in service –

Given under my hand this the 29th of October 1831

S/ Elizabeth Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 30th of October 1831

S/ Wm Hope, JP

I Certify that it appears by the Records of the Land Office

him [indecipherable word] on 26 March 1784 a military warrant for 200 acres issued from the said office to Jos Hawkins Aper [sic, Administrator?] of William Parish on account of the said Parish's services for three years as Sergeant

in the Continental line: & that no other warrant [indecipherable word and image of the text cut off] to any individual on account of

I hereby Certify that William Parish was a Pilot of the Navy in the time of the Revolution and on parole; & whilst on parole died with the small pox in service. Given under my hand & seal this the 29th of October 1831.

S/ Richard Payne {Seal}

Elizabeth City County to wit

Came before me a Justice of the Peace for said County Richard Payne who has signed the above certificate & made oath to the truth of the same.

Sworn under my hand this the 29th of October 1831

S/ Wm Hope, JP