

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mark Parrish¹ VAS139

[vs113VA](#)

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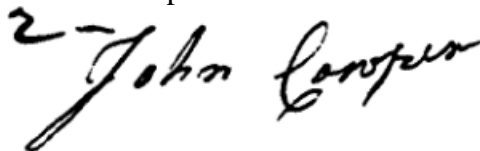
[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[p 1 (repeated on p 4 and again on p 12)]

I John Cowper of Elizabeth City County do Certify that I was well acquainted with Mark & William Parish² [sic] pilots of the Navy – I knew the whole family & was frequently at their own houses – They were taken prisoners by the English in the time of the Revolution, Carried to York where Mark Parish died with the small pox whilst a prisoner & William Parish returned & died soon after, date not recollected. – There were no two persons with whom I was better acquainted having associated together for several years.

Given under my hand in said County this the 3rd February 1832

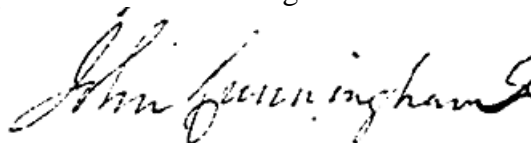
S/ John Cowper³



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I John Cunningham of the town of Hampton do Certify upon oath that Mark Parish was a Pilot in the Revolutionary War & taken by the Enemy & carried on board a prison ship then at York & whilst there died on board. Given under my hand & seal this 29th of October 1831

S/ John Cunningham



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I certify that Mark Parish a Pilot on Mile Creek was in the Navy piloting the French Ships & I understood that he died in the service. I was then a young man & not being on board of the ship on which he died, cannot speak with a degree of certainty – Though I believe verily that he (Mark Parish a Pilot) died at York about the close of the war just after the battle having entered into the service in 1777 – and know that he there remained until he died, I recollect distinctly when the news of his death

¹ See [John Parrish VAS138](#) for documents relating to this man's service and family

² [Willaim Parrish VAS140](#)

³ [John Cowper VAS1568](#)

reached Hampton – Given under my hand & seal this 29th of October 1831
S/ Richard Payne



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I do Certify that Mark Parish a Pilot of the Virginia Navy in time of the Revolution died in service as a prisoner with the small-pox

Given under my hand this 29th of October 1831.

S/ Elizabeth Jones



To the Governor of Virginia

Your Petitioner Richard Rolin Respectfully states. –

That his Grandfather Mark Parish was a pilot of the Virginia State Navy in time of the Revolution, he entered the service at an early period (in 1777) & there remained until his death on board the Enemy's prison ship, while a prisoner.

Your Petitioner is his sole representative & has never received the land Bounty to which he was entitled & prays that it may now be allowed him –

S/ Rich'd Rolin

by his atty S/ A. M. Green

[See papers relating to [Mark Parrish VAS139](#) and [Willaim Parrish VAS140](#)]