

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Parrish<sup>1</sup> VAS140

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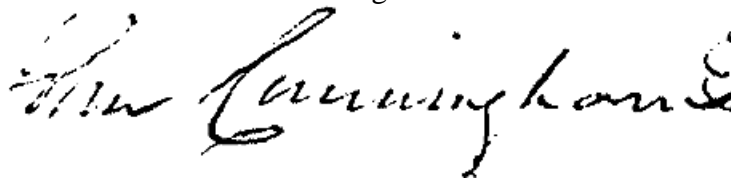
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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[p 1]

I do Certify upon oath that William Parish [sic] 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



Attested in Elizabeth City County, Virginia]

[p 2]

To the Governor of Virginia

Your petitioners 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 A. M. Green, their Atty

[p 4]

I do Certify that William Parish [sic] a 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

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

*Elizabeth Jones*

I Certify that it appears by the Records of the head office that on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1780 for a military Warrant for 200 acres issued from the said office to Joseph Hawkins [undeciphered abbreviation, perhaps "assignee"] of William Parish on account of the said Parish's services for three years as Sergeant in the Continental Line, & that no other Warrant of [the image of the document ends at this point]

[p 5]

I hereby Certify that William Parish was a Pilot of the Navy in 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

*Richard Payne*

[Attested in Elizabeth City County on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1831 before William Hope, JP]

[See papers relating to [John Parrish VAS138](#) and [Willaim Parrish VAS140](#)]