

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Record relating to John Parrot VAS141

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

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Land Office for October 1821

I certify that it does not appear by the books of this Office that any warrant hath issued for Land Bounty in consideration of services performed by John Parrot [sic] in the Revolutionary War.

S/ Wm G. Pendleton, Reg.

Land Bounty Claim of John Parrot

If allowed the certificate will be lodged in the Land Office.

1821 it is [text too faint to discern] Council [word too faint to discern]

1821 Oct. 21, Allowed for three years as a private in Lee's Legion [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion] Ct Est.

certfte. iss'd [certificate issued]

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Dandridge Jefferson County September 1821 State of Tennessee

Dr Sir

I had the honor of receiving your communication some time since upon the Subject of John Parrot's Claim for Land Bounty and, thank you, in the name of his Nephew Mr. John Parrott of this place for your prompt attention.

I observed that you state in your letter that the facts need not be certified as Sworn to, but, that, the facts should be certified as satisfactorily proven to the Court. I moved the Court for such an order to the Clerk, but the Opinion was that not being a Subject matter Cognizable to that Court, that it would be an entirely extra judicial proceeding – & therefore improper. I have, therefore, arranged the best evidence upon the Subject which can be procured, at this distant day and in consequence of that decision am obliged to offer the Affidavits

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of the Witnesses, who are both highly respectable men – This I hope will answer every purpose that a Certificate, [if] the facts were Satisfactorily proven to the Court, would do.

The fact, that, Parrot enlisted & might be corroborated from the Rolls – And I beg leave to refer you to the Act of Congress 1790 which required the Secretary at War, US to return to the

Executive of Virginia the names of Officers, noncommissioned Officers, & privates, of the line of the said State who Served in the Army of the US, in the Continental establishment – and to remark that this must have been done prior to the destruction of the War Office at Washington & that there, perhaps, Mr. Parrot’s name, will be found.

Upon the whole, I hope the Evidence will be found Satisfactory, & you will greatly oblige the Father of a numerous family by giving it the proper directions, – as I perceive from your letter it must be laid before the Governor.

I beg leave to apologize

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for the trouble I am giving you, & can only add as an excuse, that Mr. Parrot is not in circumstances to employ the “Land Jobber” of the day to procure his Warrant – nor can he afford to make a Sacrifice of one third, as proposed to him by Mr. Allen Cathem [could be Cathern] of Ohio – whose title he has in his possession, making that proposition. If he can procure what is justly entitled to it will place his family in a very different Situation from what they now are.

As to the Corps to which Mr. John Parrot may have been attached, it is possible if his name is not found on the Roll of Lee’s Legion, it will appear in some other Corps of Cavalry or Infantry –

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of this, make any suggestions which may occur to you & please to address

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Your Letter to “John Parrot” Dandridge East Tennessee” And your attention tho’ never repaid by any personal [undeciphered word] I must assure you will be gratefully remembered by him.

I have named his Address, because I shall be absent for some time, in the discharge of my Official Duties.

I have the honor to be Sir, very respectfully

Your Obedient Humble Servant

S/ C. A. Anderson [?]



[To] Wm G. Pendleton, Esquire

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State of Tennessee

Jefferson County}

Be it remembered, that on this 16th day of July 1821 personally came Jacob Casper, a Citizen of this County, and maketh oath, that he knew a Certain John Parrot, in Berkeley County, Virginia, about the year Seventy Seven or Seventy eight – that the said John was an apprentice to a Brother of this Deponent’s, who was a Millwright – And that while the said John was an Apprentice, just before his time was up, he enlisted in a Corps of Virginia Cavalry, known as this Deponent believes by the name of Lee’s Legion. That the said John, as this Deponent [word obliterated] enlisted for three years – And, that, he marched from Virginia to the South – That this Deponent saw the said John about two Years after he had enlisted, & he was then on furlough in Virginia, and this Deponent was shown the furlough of the said John,

who shortly after returned to Join his Corps in the South – After which this Deponent saw him no more – But this Deponent was told by one of the fellow Soldiers of the said John, that in a Skirmish or Battle (which this Deponent cannot say) the said John was taken Prisoner – that there were but few months to fill up of the time of his Enlistment, at the date of his Capture, – That it was the general belief in the Corps that he among others had been put on Board of a Prison Ship – and sent around to New York – And this Deponent further States that this he was told by several of the fellow Soldiers of

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the said John who were with him in the South – This Deponent having made it his business to inquire concerning him, as he was his particular acquaintance – And This Deponent further says that the said John never again returned to Virginia, during Thirty years in which he resided there among the friends and relations of the said John – That it was understood & believed in the Neighborhood of the said John, that he had perished on Board of said Ship – And further This Deponent Saith not

S/ Jacob Casper



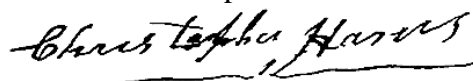
[Attestation of the above Affidavit before Alexander S Outlaw, Clerk of the Jefferson County Tennessee Court by his deputy Joseph Hamilton, Jr.]

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County} Circuit Court July Term 1821

Be it remembered that on this 18th day of July 1821 personally came Christopher Haynes [sic], and maketh oath that a certain John Parrot enlisted for three years, about the years Seventy Seven or Seventy Eight, in a Corps of Cavalry in Berkeley County, in the Virginia, usually called Lee's Legion. That said Parrot was generally believed before the time of his enlistment was up to be Dead – That it was relieved and understood in the neighborhood in which he enlisted that he had been captured by the British and perished on board a Prison Ship. And this Deponent further saith, that, he never returned during twenty odd Years which Deponent resided in Virginia after the enlistment of the said John – And further this Deponent saith not

S/ Christopher Hanes



[Attestation of the above Affidavit before Alexander S Outlaw, Clerk of the Jefferson County Tennessee Court by his deputy Joseph Hamilton, Jr. In this attestation the deponent is referred to as Christopher Hanes, not Haynes as in the body of the affidavit.]