

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim for Richard Parker BLWt525-500 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 14 Dec 2020.

This is to certify that Colonel Richard Parker was Colonel of the first Continental Regiment of the Virginia Line when Charleston was besieged, and was killed a night or two previous to its capitulation, which was on the 12th of May 1780. I was visiting the Batteries on the front attacked, & when I arrived at Colonel Parker's Battery, I saw the soldiers carrying off his Corpse.

Given under my hand this 10th day of March in the Year 1810.

Charles Cotesworth Pinckney [BLWt1759-500] Late Major General in the Armies of the United States.

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

I certify that Colo Richard Parker of the Virg'a Line, entered the service in Septem'r 1775 and continued untill he was killed in April 1780.

Dec'r 13th 1782. William Davies Col [BLWt597-500]

– Benj Harrison



H[ei]rs of Col Rich'd Parker Petition for add[itiona]l land.

Colo Parker entered the service in Sept 1775, and continued in it until he was killed in 1780.

Pursuant to principles settled in the cases of Lt John Gregory [VAS3767] – Gen'l Hugh Mercer [BLWt1527-850] & others, this claim ought to be allowed. The time of service to be estimated from Sept 1775 to the end of the war & the quantity of land already received to be deducted from the whole amount.

Respectfully reported/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency Gov'r [John] Floyd March 17th 1834

Allowed from Sept 1776 to the end of the war deducting the amount received. J. F.

To the Governor & Counsel of Virginia, Your Petitioners Henry Parker residuary devisee of Col. Richard Parker deceased, would represent unto your Excellency & Counsel that Col Richard Parker was commissioned as a Col of the Va line in Sept 1775 and served in the Continental army until he fell in battle in 1780. The evidence to sustain this fact were presented to Governor Floyd of Va and he made an allowance on the back of the paper allowing the claim from Sept 1776 evidently intending the six for a five and allowing the claim from Sept 1775 to the close of the war, in strict conformity with the record proof filed. To correct this mistake a petition was made and presented to Governor Tazewell and he refused to look at the papers. Your Petitioner ask the executive of Va to look into these papers and place the Claim on the docket, and finally grant & allow the claim according to the proof and in conformity with the law

Henry Parker/ By w H Todd atto

[The file contains a second petition, also undated, similar to the above.]

NOTE: In Westmoreland County VA on 5 June 1810 Col. Alexander Parker was certified as the heir of Col. Richard Parker.