

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Parsons<sup>1</sup> R16965

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[f p. 2: Copy of a power of attorney dated October 23, 1839 given by James Parsons, Willoughby Parsons, Elizabeth Miller, Rebecca Corbell and Abijah Parsons whereby they empower their attorney to demand of the Register of the Land Office of Virginia the warrants due for bounty land for service rendered by Capt. William Parsons during the Revolutionary War; they also empowered their attorney to demand of the United States the half pay due to Capt. William Parsons. The power of attorney was executed in Norfolk Borough, Virginia.]

[f p. 9]

Do The United States in a/c with William Parsons – Cr.

		dolls	90		dolls	90
1782	to pay as Captain drag's from Jan'y 1 <sup>st</sup> to Decr. 31 <sup>st</sup>	600		By Balance of acct. Curt. Settled this day	196	2
				By General Green for pay	100	"
				By Saunders, one portim"	8	
				By Balance of Clothing Acct. Settled with J. S. Dart	<u>43</u>	<u>75</u>
				Balance due	<u>252</u>	<u>13</u>
		600			600	"
1783	To pay from January 1 <sup>st</sup> November 15	525		By one months pay rec'd	50	"
				By three to be received	150	"
				By E. Carrington (horse)	42	77
		525			525	"
	To five years full pay in lieu of half pay	3000		By Certificates	3000	"

Sworn to the 20 April 1785 William Parsons, Jr.

Sett'd by himself

The foregoing is truly copied from Andrew Dunscomb's book of settlements with the Officers &c of the Virginia Continental Line.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud.

[f p. 20: A typed letter dated March 22, 1934 responding to a request for information regarding

<sup>1</sup> Va. Half Pay. BLWt1752-300—Capt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt. of Dragoons. Issued Aug. 27, 1795 to Smith & Ridgeway, Assignee, No Papers

this veteran contains the following statement:

*William Parsons was Capt. of the Third Regiment of Continental Dragoons, War of the Revolution, and so served until November 13, 1782. He died in 1797 in Norfolk, Virginia.*

*On account of the Revolutionary War Service of William Parsons, Warrant #17524 300 acres of bounty land was issued August 27, 1795, to Smith and Ridgeway, assignees.*

*In 1839, his heirs were James Parsons, Willoughby Parsons, Abijah Parsons, Elizabeth Miller and Rebecca Corbell, but their relationship was not given. They applied for any land or pay that might have been due from the United States, on account of the Revolutionary War service of William Parsons, but their claim was not allowed.*

*There is no further data relative to the service and family of William Parsons.*

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

To his Excellency David Campbell Gov. of Virginia

Your Petitioner in behalf of the heirs of Capt. William Parsons, Respectfully represent to your Excellency that the said Parsons entered the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution as a Cadet on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1776 (see Council Journal of that date) that he was Cornet of Dragoons in July 1777 as Lieut. in 1778 and Capt. in 1779 that he continued in the Service until the 15 day of November 1783 as will appear by a Settlement made by Andrew Dunscomb here with file he further represents to your Excellency that he (Parsons) has been allowed Land bounty for a Service of six years when in fact he was entitled under the laws of Virginia to Land for a Service of seven years two months and nine days. Your Petitioner is advised that in similar cases additional Bounty has been allowed he therefore prays for your Excellency a Consideration of his claim, and that the additional bounty be allowed.

For the heirs

S/ John B. Ogg, Atty

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1783, in the name of William Parsons, as a Capt. [indecipherable] of Cavalry for £345.14.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

To wit pay as Cornet from February 1777 to first of November 78 and as Lieut. from first November 78 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 79 and as Capt. from 1<sup>st</sup> November 79 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1781.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this sixth day of November 1838.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

I also further certify that it appears from a List of Officers names who have received

certificates for one and two years advanced pay agreeable to Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781 – That a Certificate issued on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1784 for £432.0.0 in the name of William Parsons of Capt. of Cavalry in the Continental Line which certificate appears to have been delivered to himself.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1838  
S/ Jas E. Heath, Aud.