

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Kennon Parham R7924

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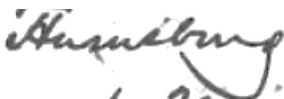
North Carolina Granville County } Sc

On this 6th day of September A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Equity for the County aforesaid now sitting Kennon Parham a resident of the County aforesaid aged [words obliterated] years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County aforesaid on the 10th day of September A.D. 1762 & that he has resided here, except for short periods up to the present time. -- that he has no record of his age, & upon that point speaks only from family tradition. --

That he entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution, as a volunteer for a tour of three months, at the Court House in Granville & was placed under Captain Stephen Merritt, Lieutenant Joseph Langston & Ensign John Duncan -- as well as he recollects, this was towards the close of the year 1780 [last 2 digits of the date are written over and hard to decipher]. He joined a parcel of troops at a place called Hurnsburg [?]¹ & marched to Hillsboro, where [Lt.] Colonel Farmer [Stephen Farmer] & Major Murphy took command of the Regiment -- that he was then marched to Salisbury where the troops remained about a week & then proceeded westwardly to the Catawba River -- There they met with some detachment of British forces, & were forced to retreat after a slight skirmish -- they marched to Guilford Court House & joined the Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene], early in the year 1781 & were after the Army marched to Dan River, when his Captain Stephen Merritt being taken sick obtained leave of absence & procured the discharge of this affiant to attend him home. He accordingly left the Army a few days before the expiration of his tour. The remainder of this tour he served out [several words obliterated] of Captain Merritt & received his discharge from Colonel Farmer in writing but has not preserved it.

In August of the year '81 -- he turned out as a volunteer in the State troops for twelve months -- under Major Bennett Crafton, Captain Samuel Jones & Lieutenant Christmas -- he marched with his company to Bute old court house, what is now Warren County -- at that place they were stationed about one month & then marched to Haywood's in Franklin County where they remained about two months -- The companies at these two places were commanded by



Major Bennett Crafton & their time was taken up principally in learning the military exercise. After leaving Haywood's they marched to Hillsborough under the same officers, guarded the assembly then sitting at that place, for two months more. At the expiration of this duty, his company was marched to Chatham Court House, & then to Dowd's Mill on Deep River. From that place they were sent out in pursuit of detachments of Tories, who were assembled in small numbers in the southern part of the State, & continued in that duty & in guarding prisoners to places of security, until his term of service expired -- He received his discharge in Hillsboro from his Major & commanding officer, Bennett Crafton, but he is not able to say what has become of it -- This affiant knows of no person alive in this section of country who knows anything of his service except Thomas Parham, & his knowledge he believes is confined to a small portion of it. -- He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Kennon Parham, X his mark

Questions propounded by the Honorable James Martin Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Equity for the County & State aforesaid in open court, to Kennon Parham

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in the County of Granville, North Carolina in the year 1762 --

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have no record I speak from Family record

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer in said County of Granville except when in service

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer as a volunteer both times

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer no regular officer I served with Militia -- as to remainder of the answer it was the same as in the declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I received discharges both times, but have not preserved them.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer the same as is contained in the declaration.

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On this 7th day of September of the year aforesaid personally appeared in open Court Thomas Parham a resident of said County, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith as follows, that he is well acquainted with Kennon Parham who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration -- that he knows he served the tour of three months as he states, & he recollects distinctly to have seen him when he was going into the service a second time, & upon his return. -- It was universally understood in the neighborhood that the said Kennon Parham

was in the service at that time.
Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Thomas Parham



[Shadrach Parrish, a clergyman, and Leslie Gilliam gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina County of Granville} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term
1833

Kennon Parham a citizen of Granville County appeared in open court at this term & prayed to be permitted to make the following statements amendatory of the declaration heretofore made by him to the Superior Court of this County on the 1st Monday in September 1832.

Being sworn he declares that his tour of twelve months as a volunteer in the State Troops, as deposed to in his declaration, was actual service, during the whole time except on two occasions when he was absent a few days on furlough – and that he was under the immediate command of his officers, except when he was absent as aforesaid.

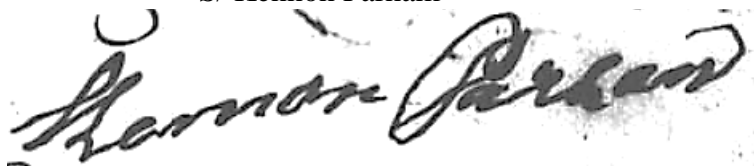
Sworn to in open Court before us 9th of August 1833

S/ Wm Sneed, JP

S/ Robt Taylor, JP

S/ D. T. Paschall, JP

S/ Kennon Parham



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State of North Carolina County of Granville: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions -- November
Term 1833

Kennon Parham of said County as an amendment of his declaration heretofore presented to the War Department begs leave to say that the whole period of his absence from his Regiment on furlough was not exceeding 20 days. -- He knows, it was under that time, but not being able to speak to the day, he names that period, that he may certainly be on the safe side. -- so that his term of service during his second tour, was one year wanting the aforesaid 20 days --

Sworn to in open Court before us

S/ Kennon Parham, X his mark

S/ James Wyche, Chairman

S/ Jno Taylor

S/ D. T. Parshall

[facts in file: veteran died November 3, 1843; p 10: Kennon Parham, son of Kennon Parham, filed in February 1852 for the pension due his father.

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