

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Paris R7926

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State of Kentucky Shelby County

On this 8th day of April in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Shelby County Court in the State aforesaid now sitting Robert Paris a resident of Shelby County in the State of Kentucky aged 82 years in October last 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated -- That he believes in the year 1774 he joined a Company of men commanded by Captain Campbell, they marched from Holston [River] on to New River & down it to the mouth now called Kanawha [River] but they did not arrive until after the Engagement between the Indians & General Lewis, his company then returned to Holston & was discharged having been in service between a month & 6 weeks. In the same year he joined a Company commanded by Captain Thompson and marched down Holston to a place called Long Island where we remained as a guard for Colonel Shelby's [Isaac Shelby's] who was then absent on an Expedition after serving a month we were again discharged and I returned home. In the year 1780 as near as he can now recollect he joined a Company in Knoxville Tennessee it is now and was then a Territory & wilderness. The company was commanded by a Captain Richardson [James Richardson] and the whole Expedition consisting of about 400 men were commanded by a Colonel or General Martin we marched down to the Overlook Mountain on the Chickamauga where we had an Engagement with the Indians & defeated them, we then lost some man amongst others was Captain Buller [? Butler?] Captain Harding & a soldier named Gibson. I was 4 months in this service and acted as cornet of the Company. We were all mounted & were marched back to what was called the French Broad River & there discharged. He further states that after this he resided on Nolachucky River in North Carolina & was frequently engaged on the frontiers for short periods in skirmishes with the Indians but that he belonged to no particular Company nor officer; He states that he has no documentary Evidence of his services: that he had a discharge but that the same has been long since lost or destroyed. He states that he & the other Troops belonging to the same Expedition were paid off by a Mr. Ross the pay master on New River in Virginia. He knows of no person by whom he can prove his service whose testimony he can procure. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert Paris, X his mark

[William W. Ford, a clergyman, John Bradshaw & James Bradshaw gave the standard supporting affidavit.]