

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Parish (Parrish) R7929

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State of North Carolina County of Wayne: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1833

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832

On this __ day of August personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid Charles Parish a resident of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina aged 78 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 7, 1832.

That he was drafted (as private) into the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1778 under Captain Bryan Whitfield [Bryant Whitfield] -- Colonel Richard Caswell -- General Caswell. His place of rendezvous was Smithfield N. C. -- from whence he was marched to Cross Creek -- now Fayetteville where he was stationed a few weeks -- from whence he was marched to Pedee [River] on Colson's ferry where he was stationed for several weeks & thence down Pedee on the Western side into SC -- pursuing and subduing the Tories about the line between North and South Carolina. From the line he was marched through the country lying between the dividing line and Kinston N. C. staying at several places a few days -- bringing in Tories and swearing them -- stayed at Kinston quartered a month or 2. He was thence marched back to Cumberland County in pursuit of the Tories in that Quarter. In Cumberland and the adjacent Counties Declarant was detained for several weeks in taking the disaffected and swearing them to not take up arms against the Whigs. After they were nearly all sworn -- Declarant was ordered to New Bern North Carolina where he remained about 2 months when his time having expired he was discharged honorably -- having served the full term of 12 months -- His discharge was signed by Captain Whitfield -- His discharge was burnt with his house in the year __

Early in the year 1781 Declarant was again drafted as private for the term of 3 months for the purpose of preventing Cornwallis from passing through North Carolina and preventing a Junction of the Tories with him. His Captain Needham Bryan -- Colonel William Bryan [sic, Capt. William Bryant] -- General Caswell -- Drafted at Smithfield NC was marched to the Cape Fear [River] -- was at the Battle of Moore's Creek [February 27, 1776]-- at which the Tories in that quarter were dispersed -- stayed some weeks at Moore's Creek and it is vicinity -- thence marched back to Smithfield and disbanded -- no discharge given -- but declarant swears he served out his full service --

In answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the Department Declarant says

That he was born in Johnston County North Carolina in the year he believes 1756 -- he

has no record of his age -- he has always lived in Johnston County North Carolina -- he was drafted in the service -- He remembers the names of no regular officers having served with none except a few days at Moore's Creek. He states as names of persons to whom he is known &c David Johnson, Doctor J. O. Watson, Rev. Wm Wall Jesse Wall

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Charles Parish, P his mark

I Ala Robards of the County of Johnston N. C. do hereby certify that I remember that Charles Parish was drafted for one year as he has above declared -- that he was absent from home one year, and returned at the close of the year as he has above stated. I also remember his absence from home in his 2nd tour.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Ala Robards, X his mark

[William Wall, a clergyman, and David Thomson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]