

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Parrish R7931

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State of Kentucky County of Scott

Be it known that on this 2nd day of June 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Martha Parrish a resident of the County of Scott State of Kentucky aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Nathaniel Parrish who was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution on the Virginia line from the County of Bedford State of Virginia and she resided in the County of Louisa and was not acquainted with the said Nathaniel Parrish until sometime after the close of the War of the Revolution. She stated to me he had served as a soldier in the war of the revolution. She has no recollection of his ever stating the names of the officers under whom he served or the length of time he was in the service and she has to rely alone on the records to establish his service and the officers under whom he served at this time she is unable to state whether he ever told her that length of time he served or the names of the officers under whom he served or Countries through which he marched but she does know that he did tell her that he served as a Soldier in the war of the revolution and that after his death that she saw his discharge and heard it read by Mr. Robert Lason who was assisting Mr. John Hughs in look over the papers of my late husband after his death but she has no recollection of what is contained or by whom it was signed nor that it stated that he was Honorable discharged the said Lason and Hughs have both departed this life and she knows of no other Her person who ever saw his discharge it was destroyed with his other Papers which was considered of no value by Mr. John Hughs who was the Administrator of the estate of her husband. She further declares that she was married to said Nathaniel Parrish on the 1st day of October 1785 by Parson Tod in the County of Louisa State of Virginia and that she never had a family record of her marriage or ages of her children and she knows of no person by whom she can prove her marriage all of her old acquaintances either dead or in parts unknown to her they moved to the State of Kentucky and settled in Bouron [Bourbon? or Barron?] County about 4 years after their marriage at which time she had two children both of whom are dead and they lived together as man and wife till his death and her husband the aforesaid Nathaniel Parish died on the 12th day of August 1811. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated and she has remained his widow ever since his death.

S/ Martha Parrish



[f p. 7: Permely Robison [Permalia Roberson?] of Scott County Kentucky aged 44 gave testimony that she is the 7th child of the late Nathaniel Parrish and his present widow Martha Parrish; that she has examined the application made by Martha Parrish any contains the truth
S/ Permalia Roberson

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[f p. 7: Susian Shropshire of Scott County Kentucky, aged 41, gave testimony that she is the 9th child of Nathaniel and Martha Parish; that she has examined the declaration of her mother any contains the truth

S/ Luouza Ann Shropshire

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[f p. 9: John Jacobs,¹ 83, of Scott County Kentucky gave testimony that he was a soldier in Captain Bowyer's company in the 3rd Virginia Regiment of regulars under the command of Colonel William Washington; that he moved to the state of Kentucky in 1792 and settled in Bourbon County near neighbor to Nathaniel & Martha Parrish; that they had several children when he 1st met them; that he never heard it doubted that they were legally married; that he never heard it doubted that Nathaniel Parrish was a soldier in the revolution. He signed his affidavit with his mark on September 14, 1846 in Scott County Kentucky.

¹ [John Jacobs W9071](#)