

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Parker R7950

Mary

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Rutherford County State of North Carolina

On this 15th day of June 1859, personally appeared before [indecipherable word] T. G. Hawkins JP one of the acting Justices of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Parker aged eighty-one years and a resident of said County, who after being duly sworn according to law, maketh oath and declares, That she is the widow of William Parker deceased, who, was as he always told her, That he served as a private in the revolutionary war in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Mathews of the State of Virginia, She does not recollect the name of the Captain in whose Company he belonged, nor whether he said he was drafted or volunteered; but recollects that he told her he was in service some five years and six months, neither can she remember the year that he went into service, but thinks That he told her, That he came out of Service at the end of the war.

That she distinctly remembers, That he had a discharge, but some time after their marriage, it was burnt up in his shop, That he (Parker) was a boot and shoe maker, at that time of his life, and quite careless and much addicted to dissipation, was the way that his papers came to be burned.

That she married said Parker to the best of her recollection about fifty years ago, having no written record of their marriage – That they were married in Campbell County Virginia by a Methodist preacher by the name of Heath, and from her marriage, she had but one child by said Parker, her husband – that some fifteen or twenty years since, her husband died in the aforesaid County, Virginia, and after his death she removed to Rutherford County North Carolina, where she still lives.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June three or four years ago, for the benefit of those widows, who married their husbands since the year 1800: – the date of the month and year when Congress passed said act she is not in possession of.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned. And I certify I have no interest in the result of the case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

S/ Mary Parker, X her mark

S/ T. G. Hawkins, JP

State of North Carolina County of Rutherford

On this 24th day of October 1859 personally appeared before me T. G. Hawkins, one of the Acting Justices of the County, Mary Parker a resident of said County, aged eighty-one years, who after being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 3rd of

