

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Parks R7967
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South Carolina York District: On this 28th day of April 1853 before me John M. Ross Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the district and State aforesaid personally appeared Margaret Y. Watson aged 6__ [sic] years past who being first 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 this declarant in behalf of herself and the surviving children of Mary Parks widow of Captain Hugh Parks late of Mecklenburg County NC deceased states that her Father the said Captain Hugh Parks was a Lieutenant and Captain North Carolina Militia in the Army of the revolution as she has always understood and believes and as such he served the United States against the common enemy from the time he entered the service of his country until the close of the war and was generally in service during that period and served in the states of North and South Carolina that he was a Lieutenant under Captain Ried [sic, George Reed] who was killed at the battle of hanging Rock South Carolina¹ and the company was afterward under the command of her said father [in] Colonel Irvins [sic, Robert Irwin's] Regiment and thinks they were light horse or mounted militia but to give the particulars of his service declarant cannot but that his services were well known and duly appreciated by the citizens of Mecklenburg County. Declarant further states that her father Captain Hugh Parks was married to her mother Mary Davis² in Mecklenburg County North Carolina on the __ day of __ 1782 and as husband and wife they lived together until the death of the said Hugh Parks which occurred in Mecklenburg County North Carolina on the 11th day of January 1830 leaving his wife Mary a widow and that, her Mother the said Mary Parks departed this life in York district South Carolina on the 29th day of May 1839 leaving the following children her surviving to wit: Ann Kirkpatrick, Margaret Y. Watson,³ Amelia McGinnas,⁴ John Parks, William N. Parks⁵ & Rebecca A. McClarity⁶ only surviving children and issue of their said marriage who are still surviving and all of lawful age.

And declarant further says that she has no record evidence of the marriage of her Father and Mother Hugh and Mary Parks that their family register was carried off to the West and if

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

² Mary Davis Parks had a sister Rebecca D. McDowel who was born July 12, 1780 and in 1853 was living in Mecklenburg County, NC.

³ She had a son, John L. Watson of York District, SC, who administrated the estate of his grandmother, Mary Davis Parks.

⁴ Identified in other documents as Parmelia McGinnis

⁵ He died between the dates April 28, 1853 and June 18, 1855.

⁶ Identified in other documents as Rebecca A. (or Eliza) McClarty or McClarity

recovered will be sent to the department but presumes it is a matter of public record -- declarant also the says that search has been made for the commissions of her father or some record evidence of his service in the revolution but without effect nor does she know any person now living by whom his services in the revolution could be proven, and that she was not aware until recently that the children of her Mother could draw the arrears due her at her death she having died without presenting a claim for a United States pension.

Sworn to 28 April 1853

S/ Margaret Y. Watson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Y. Watson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

S/ JM Ross, O. Y. D.

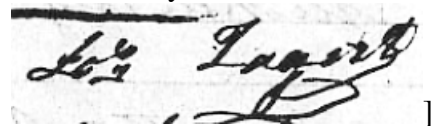
[p 11: Is a certificate from the North Carolina Comptroller Office showing payments made to Lieutenant Hugh Parks during the Revolution. The certificate is dated May 10, 1853. See below for more details.]

[p 16: On March 25, 1853, Susannah Grier, 83, of Mecklenburg County, NC testified that she was well acquainted with Capt. Hugh Parks and his wife Mary; that she saw Hugh Parks in uniform repeatedly during the Revolution; that he lived within one mile of her father's house where the slaughter pen of the American army was kept in the neighborhood of Steel Creek Church; that Hugh Parks bore the title of Captain; that he was regarded as a partisan during the Revolution; that he served as ruling elder in his church and a member of the State Legislature from Mecklenburg County; that when his widow died in York District, her remains were brought to Steel Creek Church and interred there.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susannah Grier". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[p 17: Col. William M. Grier, 48, testifies that he was intimately acquainted with Capt. Hugh Parks and often heard Parks and others speak of Parks' service in the Revolution.]

[p 39: On April 20, 1853 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Joseph Tagert, a resident of Mecklenburg County aged 60 [last digit unclear] years gave testimony that he lived a near neighbor to Captain Hugh Parks and often heard him talk about his services during the Revolutionary war and that the affiant's father, James Tagert, always recognized Hugh Parks as a revolutionary soldier.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Tagert". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[p 19: On June 21, 1853, Rebecca McDowel, 72, testified in Mecklenburg County that she is the sister of Mary Davis Parks; that she was born July 12, 1780 and was not more than 2 years older than the first born child of Capt. Hugh Parks and Mary, his wife; that their eldest child was named Lacking D. Parks.



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State of North Carolina Comptroller's office

I., George W. Brooks Comptroller of Public accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby by that it appears of record in said Office among the payments made to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit

"Hugh Parks"

Indent No. 34. £52.8.d9 June 1st 1779

" 4897, £24.08.d8 paid to Hugh Parks Lieutenant

July 14, 1781 Salisbury District

Indent No. 3776 £9. S15 Augt. 20th 1783

Book A Entry 2684 £13. S6. d4, 1781

" F No. 2 Page 70 £34.S10 1776

" GG 43, £100.S0.

"An account of provisions issued by Robert Linn to the Delinquents of the 5 months Militia ordered to the aid of South Carolina, and Georgia under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Dobbin."

"To provisions furnished by Robert Linn for the use of the 5 months Militia from NC under command of Captain Brigadier General Rutherford per Certificate No. 27 dated April 1st 1779 signed Hugh Parks, I. C." (Issuing Commissary)

"I find in accompanying Book No. 28, a list of the money paid the North Carolina troops by South Carolina in 1779 -- Hugh Parks." (\$[illegible entry] ½ Dollars)

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Office
January 15 1855

S/ Geo. W. Brooks
Comptr.

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South Carolina York District }

On this 18th day of June 1855 Personally appeared Margaret Y Watson a resident of York District South Carolina aged 66 years before me John M Ross Judge of the court of Ordinary for the District and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration, supplemental to one now on file to obtain the benefit of the services of her Father Captain Hugh Parks, late of Mecklenburg County North Carolina, deceased, whose widow Mary Parks died as stated in a former declaration in York District South Carolina in 1839.

Declarant further states that her Father Captain Hugh Parks, entered the service of the United States in the North Carolina Militia, under Colonel Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the Snow Campaign⁷ in 1775, as she has always understood & believes, as a Lieutenant or private of Cavalry; and was always constantly in service during the War of Independence under the above named Colonel afterwards General Rutherford, Irwin, Dobbin and others, and served a tour of duty, as she understands and believes under General Rutherford in South Carolina and Georgia in 1779 of five months as Issuing Commissary which office was afterwards filled by

⁷ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

Thomas Greer [Thomas Grier] a near neighbor, who held the same until the close of the war, and her father Captain Hugh Parks took Command of a Company of Militia, which he continued to command until the close of the war and was called Captain afterwards to the close of the war.

Declarant further states that in a former declaration made by her she did not claim services for Issuing Commissary, but claimed for Lieutenant and Captain, but is now fully satisfied that her father served as Issuing Commissary before that part of office was taken by Thomas Greer, as above stated and that her Brother William N. Parks has died since she made her first declaration and that her brother, and sisters are still believed to be living, and that J. L. Watson [John L. Watson] was recently administrator on the estate of her late Mother Mary Parks.

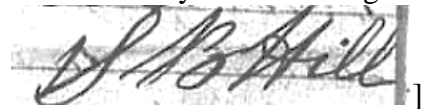
And I do hereby constitute and appoint A. S. Wallace of York District South Carolina to prosecute the same and receive the certificate when issued, and do all other acts and deeds, that I myself might do were I personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises, which power is irrevocable.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year above written.

S/ Margaret Y Watson

[p 44: On February 18, 1856 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Lewis Roddon, aged about 82, gave testimony that he moved into Mecklenburg County when he was 12 years old and was well acquainted with Captain Hugh Parks ever since; that he lived with Captain Hugh Parks about 6 years during which time he frequently heard Captain Parks speak of his services in the revolutionary war along with Allen Herron, John Porter, John Stinson and others; affiant pacifically remembers there talking of the Battle of Hanging rock and the campaign called Briar Creek at which he understood Hugh Parks was an officer. He signed his affidavit with his mark and the scribe wrote his name as "Lewis Roddin" or "Lewis Rodden".]

[p 47: On April 23, 1856 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina Samuel B Hill aged about 58 gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Captain Hugh Parks; that affiant visited the "...battle ground of the Hanging Rock South Carolina [with] said Parks [who] showed him the place where Captain Reed was killed and where the different armies occupied their ground and showed him where he Parks was in the engagement said Captain Hugh Parks also told him of other campaigns he was in he stated he was at Briar Creek and understood from him he was an officer in that expedition. He said Hill declares that he always understood from old Revolutionary Men that Hugh Parks was an officer of what grade he cannot now tell..."



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