

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Parks (Parkes) R7972

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At a Court held for Accomack County on the 29th day of August 1832 –

John Parkes [sic] Senior of the County of Accomack this day personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832 viz. "Declaration of John Parkes Senior, In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, State of Virginia County of Accomack, on this the 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the [Court] now sitting, John Parkes a resident in the County of Accomack and State of Virginia, aged seventy-six 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 7th 1832. That he volunteered in a Company commanded by Captain Thomas Bayly [Thomas Bailey] and served in said Company attached to the 2nd Regiment Virginia Militia, commanded by Colonel Southy Simpson till his death and then Colonel George Corbin to the end of the War and he served in said Company except about eighteen months, that he was a soldier in the Continental line and that he enlisted under Thomas Parker and was stationed at Pungotiague [Pungoteague] and at other different places in the County of Accomack until the Company marched to the North and then I was attached to said Company commanded by William Riley which was a short time before his time of Service was up with Parker, and then he kept guard on Folly Creek at a place called the Blockhouse and at Chessonessie Creek [?] ¹ and other places & marched with the Company into Maryland as far as Salsbury, subdued the Tories & up the Bay in a boat as far as Hooper's Straits, at another time & Watts Island, Fox's Island, and that I think I was on duty in said Company in keeping guard & marches in quest of the enemy upwards of two years – I was born in the County of Accomack September 4th 1756, I have no record but from the best information that I get I am of the age above stated, was living in the County of Accomack State of Virginia and have lived in the same ever since & still lives in the aforesaid County, I volunteered 1st and afterwards enlisted in the Continental line, Thomas Bayly was first Captain and Thomas Parker, William Riley, and John Custis the last, Colonel Simpson commanded the 2nd Regiment until his death and then Colonel Corbin & when the in the Continental line I was attached to 9th Regiment, I am known by Captain Samuel Waples, Robert Russell, John Drummond and William Lee – I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state whatever."

S/ John Parkes, X his mark

Chessonessie Creek

[Robert Russell and John P Drummond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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At a court held for Accomack County on the 25th day of November 1850.

It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that John Parkes, who filed a declaration for a pension in the Court of Accomack in the year 1832 for his services in the Revolutionary War died on the 22nd day of March 1841 leaving his son John Parkes his Executor, and also left a widow whose name was Ann Parkes who also died on the 20th day of March 1843 leaving John Parkes, Tabitha Taylor & Nancy Killman her only children and heirs at law.

[Attested by John W Gillet as clerk of the Accomack County court]

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The Deposition of Custis Bull² a Revolutionary Soldier & pensioner aged 90 years who being 1st duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with John Parkes Senior who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and died in the County of Accomack some years ago and notwithstanding he did not serve in the same Company this deponent has no hesitation in saying that from knowledge he had of said Parks and his age that he served at least two years in the war of the Revolution on military duty as he served throughout the whole war at different times.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of April 1851

S/ Custis Bull, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran married in 1784 or 1785, Ann or Nancy Elwell in Accomack County Virginia; John Parks, their son, was born March 10, 1789 and was the executor of his father's estate.]

[Veteran's children were allowed the pension due their father at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service for 2 years. The claim of his widow's heirs was rejected.]

² [Custis \(Curtis\) Bull S18338](#)