

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Parks (Parkes) S11202

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State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct.

On this 20th [?] day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court held in and for the County aforesaid and now in Session, William Parks a resident of the County of Garrard and State aforesaid aged upwards of 77 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 the 7th 1832.

That he joined the Army in the War of the Revolution in the militia in Montgomery County as a volunteer in the State of Virginia in the summer of the year 1776, (the month he does not precisely remember) under Captain John Montgomery, his General was by the name of Christy [William Christian], (he believes William Christy) his Colonels were Russell and Arthur Campbell. He engaged for a certain period of time, but he does not now remember the time. That they marched against the Cherokee Indians and after returning from the expedition, he assisted in erecting a Garrison on Holston [River], where a Treaty was made with the Indians. That he served faithfully the period of thirteen months and was honorably discharged in the year 1777 which discharge has long since been destroyed. That afterwards he volunteered for a short period under Captain John Montgomery [PERHAPS a mistaken reference to Capt. James Montgomery who is known to have been in the skirmish on Reedy Fork on March 7, 1781], Colonel William Preston was his Colonel and served about one month more, during which time he was in the skirmish at Alamance in North Carolina our party was commanded by Colonel William Preston,¹ and four days afterwards, he was in another engagement at the Ready Fork [Reedy fork] of Haw River in the aforesaid State of North Carolina.

S William Parks



Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

[John Brown, a clergyman, and Isaac Marksbury gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Madison County Sct. Commonwealth of Kentucky

The undersigned Justice of the peace for County aforesaid certifies that this day personally

¹ It is difficult to determine exactly which actions the veteran is referring to: As noted, Capt. James Montgomery's Washington County, VA. militia was at the action on Reedy Fork on March 7, 1781. Col. William Preston's Botetourt County, VA. militia was at the skirmish at Whitesell's {Wetzel's} mill March 6, 1781.

appeared before me Jacob Dooley [?] ²aged 77 years and made oath that he was a soldier at the long Island in the State of Virginia he thinks in year 77 and that on that campaign he saw William Parks and was acquainted with him: but whether he Parks was a private or Sergeant he knows not, he Doolin ³ was discharged & left Parks there, how long Parks served he knows not. Given under my hand this 6th of November 1832.

S/ Henry B Hawkins, JP MC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 and half months service as a private in the Virginia service.]

² This MAY be the same as [Jacob Dooley \(Dooly\) W1837](#) who claimed for service in the Continental Line from Virginia

Jacob Dooley

³ *Doolin*