

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Parker S11354

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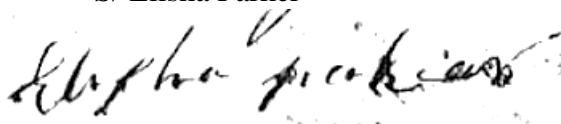
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State of Kentucky Lawrence County

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act of Congress "entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Elisha Parker of Lawrence County State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private soldier in Captain Trobridge's Company in Colonel Huntington's Regiment of the Connecticut line that I enlisted in January 1777 in Westbury Connecticut for & during the war & was taken prisoner in the February following at Danbury & was never exchanged but made my escape near Savannah Georgia & on my return to my native State & Regiment was in the battles of Kings Mountain, Guilford & lastly in the Battle of York – was only known in the Rolls as a Militia man as he was on his way to his proper company. At the Battle of little York he was in Captain Shelton's Company Robert Williams Regiment, previous to his enlisting for and during the War he enlisted twice before the first time for six months & the other time for one year under Trobridge & Huntington and was in the battles of Bunkers Hill, Long Island, White Plains, Trenton & Princeton and I also declare that I never received a discharge for during the War because I never got back to my Regiment & I never received more applied for my certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 and I further declare that I was not on the 15th of May 1828 on the Pension list of the United States nor before that date.

Witness my hand this 4th day of April 1829

S/ Elisha Parker



State of Tennessee, Lawrence County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April term 1833

On this 3rd day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court Elijah Parker aged Seventy seven on the 22nd day of last July a resident citizen of the County of Lawrence State of Tennessee 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as follows, that he enlisted in June 1775 in the State of Connecticut in the Town of Waterbury under Captain

¹ I couldn't find this one on Fold3.com under either Conn. or SC or NC

Trowbridge in the Regiment commanded by Col Huntington for three months & served out his time & received his discharge at Roxbury near Boston, that he again enlisted in the same town Waterbury under the same officers in January 1776 for one year and served under the same Colonel until he was attached to the Boston Artillery commanded by Major Newel, he served out his time & received his discharge at Morristown in the Jerseys. That in the year 1777 in the month of January he again enlisted under Captain Trowbridge for & during the War in the Regiment commanded by Col Huntington, but he cannot recollect the no. of the Regiment, that he continued to serve in said Company & Regiment until he was wounded & taken prisoner at Danbury Connecticut in March 1777 that he was put in a prison ship & conveyed round to Charleston South Carolina that he made his escape from imprisonment in June 1780 after having remained a prisoner for more than two years, that he made his way into the upper Country towards his native State, but was destitute of every means of traveling & almost entirely naked, that when he reached the Old Catawba Ford in North Carolina Col Thomas Brannon [sic Thomas Brandon] was lying there with a Company of men preparing to march to Kings Mountain against the Tories, that he joined Brandon's Regiment & marched the next day to near Kings Mountain & joined Col Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] Col Shelby [Isaac Shelby] Col Campbell [William Campbell] & General Williams [James Williams] & with them we fought the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], that after the battle having served about fifteen days as he belonged to no company & turned out for no time he left the service by the consent of Col Brandon who gave me no discharge but thanked me for volunteering to fight the battle of Kings Mountain, that he went to Guilford County State of North Carolina, that the Tories were so bad & the times so dangerous that he could not travel he turned out for three months under Captain William Glen, Col. not recollected, General Alexander Martin that he joined Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & under him fought the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], that the Militia to whom he was attached ran away & left him alone & he ran to the line of infantry & fought with them until the Infantry retreated, that he was discharged at Guilford Court house at the end of his term, that he went from North Carolina to Virginia & in Pittsylvania County Virginia he again turned out for Eighteen months under Captain Shelton Major Robert Williams the Col. not recollected, that he was at a Battle of little York in Virginia from the first to the last & saw Cornwallis surrender his sword to Gen Washington & he was discharged at Little York after the battle by Major Williams that he has lost or mislaid all his discharges that he was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War including his imprisonment more than seven years for from 1775 until peace was made he was never out of the service more than six months, that he made a former application as a soldier for & during the war which was rejected (as he humbly contends improperly) because he did not serve out his time in the Connecticut Regiment, but after he escaped from his imprisonment he joined every army of Whigs on his way to Connecticut that he could find until the War was terminated, that he was in the Battle of Bunker's Hill, Long Island, White Plains, Trenton, Princeton, Kings Mountain, Guilford & Little York. That when he went into service he lived in Waterbury Connecticut, that since the War was over he has lived in North Carolina Guilford County from thence to Sevier County East Tennessee from thence to Lawrence County Tennessee where he now lives. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension except the present but believes that he should draw from the date of his former application to which he refers on file in the war office as part of this his present application & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State or territory. Sworn to & subscribed the date above.

S/ Elisha Parker

Elisha Parker

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 3rd April 1833.
S/ M H. Buchanan, Clk

[image 732: Conn. Comptroller's certificate]

Comptroller's Office
Hartford 6 January 1833

I Certify that on application for evidence of the service of Elisha Parker, in the war of the Revolution, I have examined the documents remaining in this Office relating to that War, and find a paper headed

"A Pay Roll of the 5 Company in the 1st Regt. raised by order General Assembly Colony Connecticut May 1775", in which the name of Elisha Parker appears, as enlisting May 8, and as discharged Oct. 12 - serving 5 Months & 11 days.

In the record of Settlements made with the Connecticut Line of the Continental Army, under head of "Settlement with the 6th Connecticut Regiment, Return Jallings Esq. Colonel, before January 1780", this entry -

Name	Rank	Commencement of Service	Time of this Settlement	Years	Months	Days
Elisha Parker	private	April 1. '77	January 1. '80	2	9	0
And Elisha Parker	private	Jan. 1. '80	April 1. '80	0	3	12

under head of "Settlement with the 6th Connecticut Regiment, Return Jallings Esq. Colonel, for the year 1780." etc etc
Sherrington, Comptroller

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County

On this 23rd day of August 1834 personally appeared before me Thomas Kees Elisha Parker & made the following affidavit as a Supplement explanatory of his former application for a Pension that he enlisted as stated in his former application & served as therein stated & for an answer so far as it is in his power to give to the false entry made on the Rolls as to desertion he says that he is unable by living witnesses to prove that he was taken prisoner as he has stated but

that from a careful examination of Rolls he believes the mistake in his Colonel will be [indecipherable word] for after his enlistment he was transferred to the Boston Artillery to a Company commanded by Major Newel Captain Farthingham Lieutenant Carnes and during his service in the Boston Artillery he was in the battle of Flat Bush in Long Island & lost a brass six pounder, the next battle was at White Plains, the next was at Trenton on Delaware River on Christmas Eve 1776, the next was at Princeton and the next & last battle while in the artillery Company was at Danbury in February or March 1777 where he was taken prisoner & was wounded badly by a bombshell which broke his shoulder & also received a shot through the leg & had a bayonet run through the same leg, this was when the British landed & burnt the Military Stores at Danbury. This applicant enlisted for three months in 1775 at Wake bay Connecticut[?]² under Captain Trowbridge in Colonel Huntington's Regiment and served out his time & during that term of three months enlistment he fought the Battle of Bunker's Hill. In January 1776 he again enlisted under Colonel Huntington for one year & served out the whole year and at the end of said term he then enlisted for five years during the war and was taken prisoner and was confined in a prison Ship at Sandy Hook for about eighteen months & was then removed to Cape Jereds [?]³ near Savannah where he made his escape he thinks 1780 the year Gates was defeated that he could not return to his Regiment for the Tories & he joined every week Army he could find & fought the Battles of Kings Mountain, Guilford, Gates defeat & Little York.

S/ Elisha Parker

[There is an undated note on a War Departments form that reads as follows:

“This applicant appears on the Rolls of Col Huntington's Regt as a deserter unless he can prove that he was taken a prisoner as stated he cannot be allowed for said service. His name does not appear on the Rolls of the Virginia line. He should therefore prove said service, to entitle him to a pension for said service.”]

[Note: Beginning at image 750 there is an unsigned document dated June 19, 1843 which appears to have been an attempt at filing a new application. It gives more details of the veteran's services primarily as rendered in the North. As to his service in the South, he says:

“... After I was taken prisoner I was conveyed on board the enemy Shipping. I was taken to Sandy Hook thence to Savannah from there to Charleston thence up by way of Moncks Corner towards Augusta here I effected my escape it was in this [indecipherable word]⁴ – the enemy sent me repeatedly to the Country to buy chickens – on this occasion I went out well mounted & instead of returning I made on towards the American troops – the British pursued but I made good my retreat and effected my escape to the Americans. I again served the Army in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Tom Brandon who commanded a Regiment of militia – we marched to Kings Mountain between North & South Carolina and had an engagement with Colonel Ferguson we killed the commander took about 800 prisoners & killed about 200 of the enemy – this occurred on the 7th of October – I continued with the militia of North Carolina until the Battle was fought at Guilford Court House on the 15th of March 1781. I have forgotten to

² Wake bay Connecticut
³ Cape Jereds
⁴ dice

mention in the proper place my being in Gates defeat at Camden. After the Battle at Guilford I continued with the Army we went from thence to Hillsborough in pursuit of the enemy from thence I went on to Yorktown was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis on this memorable occasion I was after the Battle discharged by Major Williams. I left the Army, went home, from thence I returned to Virginia Pittsylvania County. I lived there 7 years then I moved to Surrey County North Carolina, I lived there about 7 years then I moved to Sevier County Tennessee I remained there 6 years I then moved to Giles County Tennessee where I lived some several years I went from thence [to] Lawrence & from thence to Morgan County Alabama where I have lived since. The facts as detailed above may not be detailed correctly as they occurred by reason of my memory failing me yet they are substantially true.”

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Connecticut and South Carolina service.]