

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Parr S16219

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State of Indiana Washington County} SS Washington Circuit Court September Term 1832

On this 26th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of said court now sitting Arthur Parr a resident of said County of Washington and State aforesaid aged 74 years who being 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 and served as herein stated -- That he was drafted in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Woodard in the District of Fairfield South Carolina sometime in the forepart of March 1776 and was immediately marched to Charleston where he was stationed as a guard until after the battle at Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776] before the City of Charlestown which he was in full view of but not personally engaged in. He then entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Joseph Hancock [sic, Hancock?] who was attached to Colonel Beard's Regiment under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and immediately marched against the Cherokee Indians was in one small battle with the Indians whom they beat and after which they cut down and destroyed their corn and was then continued on the Indian frontiers until the spring of 1777 when he was discharged at Lindley's Fort or Elosons [sic, Ellison's?] Fort not recollected which. In the spring of 1777 he entered the service under Captain Joseph Kirkland a volunteer in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Winn and Major Goodwin who was under the command of General Williamson and marched into East Florida in what was commonly called the Augustine Campaign and was gone 3 or 4 months and after his return was kept stationed in various places on the Savannah River until late in the fall of 1777 or early in 1778 their head quarters being at Purrysburg when he was marched to the City of Charleston and continued there in its vicinity until the fall of the year when he went again to Purrysburg and there was discharged. In the spring of 1779 he entered the service under Captain Joseph Kirkland a volunteer and was employed under General Huger in destroying the road between Savannah and Charleston until sometime about the first of June when he was attached to the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] near the mouth of Stono Creek opposite the Isle of St. Jons [sic, St. John's Island] and was in the battle under General Lincoln commonly called the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] between Charlestown and Savannah he says he was then attached to the command of the Count Pulaski in the horse service under a Captain whose name he has forgot and in that situation he was at the Siege of Savannah and until sometime after.

Early in the year 1780 he went a volunteer to Charleston under Captain Joseph Kirkland

who was then made Colonel and Benjamin May was made Captain and continued there until a few days before Charleston was invested [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] by the British when he was sent to Orangeburg under Colonel Kirkland and there continued until after Charleston was taken he with Colonel Kirkland's command surrendered prisoners of war by capitulation and was paroled. After he was paroled the British aggression and violations of the capitulation caused him and many others to take up arms and he was obliged to flee to North Carolina. He further says that when General Gates Army passed through North Carolina he followed after and joined the Army under Colonel Porterfield the day before Gates defeat and was in the action [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] which was his last assay in arms. This he says is as near as he can recollect at this time the particulars of the service he rendered in the revolution war he says he may be mistaken in some of the dates but he says he is very sure that he was employed upwards of 3 years in the service of the United States in their Struggle for independence particularly the State of South Carolina most of which time he was a Sergeant. He was born on the 5th day of July 1758 he has a record of his age in a large Bible entered there from a tradition handed down to him from his mother in his youth. Lived in North Carolina from his birth till he was about 10 or 12 years old when removed to South Carolina then lived in North Carolina from the year 1780 until the year 1809 when he moved to the Indiana Territory where he has resided ever since. That he has no documentary evidence of his service his discharges and parole being burnt in his house but he can prove by Isaac Morgan and James Rodman who have known him a number of years and also Ebenezer Patrick a clergyman that in all their acquaintance that it has been understood that he has rendered service in the revolution war as he has stated he is known to the Honorable Samuel Houston the honorable Godlow Camp all so Bebe Booth and Mark O'Neal in his present neighborhood who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a Soldier in the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Arthur Parr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Parr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

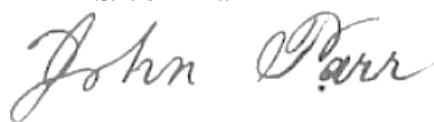
[Ebenezer Patrick and Isaac Morgan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally came John Parr Junior before the undersigned one of the associate Judges in and for said County and after being duly sworn deposes and saith that he well recollects the death of Arthur Parr and that of his widow and from the best of his recollection and from other information Arthur Parr died on the 21st of March 1833 and his wife died on the 2nd day of January 1837 and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Parr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Parr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[March 25, 1850]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]