

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Parks S17000

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State of Missouri County of Chariton: In the Chariton County Court January Term 1834

On this 28th day of January in the year while Lord 1834, Personally appeared in open Court, James Parks Senior a resident of this County and State aforesaid, aged eighty-one years in February next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was drafted into the service of the United States on the 12th day of April 1781, for one year Tour in Captain Joseph Rhodes company of Infantry of Militia¹ in the County of North hampton [sic, Northampton] State of North Carolina, the Company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Hardy Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree or Murphree]² and Major George McRea,³ Colonel Murphy was ordered to joined General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at Fort Motte, from which place the Army was marched to the Eutaw Springs where General Greene fought the last battle with the British in South Carolina in September 1781 [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781,⁴ from there we was marched to the high hills of Santee, from thence into the forks of the Rivers Santee, Wateree and Congaree, from we was ordered to cross the Congaree River to Colonel Thompson's [William Thomson's] plantation, from thence the Army was marched to a place known by the name of the Round O. where the Army was retained some days, whilst there we was joined by Generals Wayne [Anthony Wayne], St. Clair [Arthur St. Clair] and Gess,⁵ who was said to be from the siege of little York in the State of Virginia, from thence the Army was marched to Jacksonburrow [sic, Jacksonborough], from thence we was marched to the Pond Ponds [sic, Pons Pons or N. Edisto River] said to be about 40 miles South of Charlestown, at which place the Army was ordered into winter Quarters. In the spring of 1782 the Army was ordered to march to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River, at which place I was duly discharged as first Sergeant of Captain Rhodes company, which appointment was made at the time I was mustered into service, and continued to hold the command of first Sergeant during the whole continuance thereof. I was discharged on the 8th

¹ Sic, Capt. Joseph T. Rhodes was an officer in the NC Continental Line; 4th NC Regiment. [Joseph T. Rhodes BLWt1867-300](#)

² [Hardy Murfree BLWt1528-450](#)

³ This MAY be a reference to Griffith John McRee (McRea) who was a major in the 4th NC Regiment as of his promotion to that office in April 1781. [Griffith John McRee \(McRae, McKree, McRev, McRie\) W4731](#)

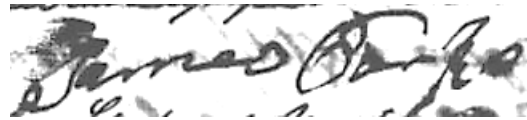
⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁵ This probably is a reference to General Mordecai Gist of the Maryland line.

day of April 1782 which was signed by Lieutenant Colonel Hardy Murphy, Major George McRea and Captain Joseph Rhodes, the discharge I obtained to the best of my recollection was filed in some office at Halifax Court house and what has become of it I never understood. I was in actual service eleven months and twenty-six days, during which time I was either in the field or Garrison, and for the time during which the service was performed, I was not employed in any civil pursuit; I was born in North hampton County in the State of North Carolina in February 1753 and if I should to the time of my birth and February next by his will be 81 years of age. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in Any States or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Missouri. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written in open Court.

S/ E. B. Cahill, Clerk

S/ James Parks



Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in North hampton County in the State of North Carolina in 1753

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have no record of my age, all the information is derived from my parents, who repeatedly informed that I was born in February 1753 in the County of North Hampton State of North Carolina

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I was living in North hampton County in the State of North Carolina when called into service, after the war was over I moved my family to Madison County State of Kentucky from there I moved to Anderson County in said State from Henderson I moved to Chariton County State of Missouri where I now reside

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was drafted into service, I neither volunteered, nor was I a substitute.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I have no perfect recollection of the names of the Regular Officers, except General Nathanael Greene Commander in Chief I recollect Colonel Gurnby [could be Gumby], but whether or not he belonged to the Regular, or Militia service I cannot say, nor do I recollect, as respects the number of Regiments, either Regular or militia, I have at this time no recollection. The militia officers that was ordered out from North Hampton County I have a perfect recollection of Lieutenant Colonel Hardy Murphy Major George McKea and Captain Joseph Rhodes. These officers signed my discharge.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer On the 8th day of April 1782 I received a discharge at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River in the State of South Carolina signed by Lieutenant Colonel Hardy Murphy, Major George McKea and Captain Joseph Rhodes. I filed in some office at Halifax Court House Carolina to

the best of my recollection

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer I will mention Robert Hays and John Parks and the Reverend James Keyte, [James Keyte, a clergyman, Robert Hays and John Parkes [how he signed his name] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39.56 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 11 months and 26 days in the North Carolina Continental line.]