

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Parke S17002

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State of Ohio Brown County: SS

On this second day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the President and Associate Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Brown now sitting John Park aged seventy-one 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That in the fall of the year 1779 either the last of September or first of October as well as he can recollect he volunteered for three months in Hampshire County Virginia under Captain Archibald Wiggins Lieutenant John Earson [?]¹ and Ensign John Printy [?]² that said company marched out to Fort mackintosh under Colonel Riddle and Major Vanmeter at which place his company was placed under the command of Colonel Gibson or Colonel Broadhead in the Brigade commanded by General McIntosh he is not certain which – he was employed during this tour in building Fort McIntosh near the mouth of Big Beaver [Creek] on the Ohio River and Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] on the Tuscarawas River now in the State of Ohio – He was not in any battle during this tour – he received a regular discharge after having served out three months in the term of his engagement – said discharge was given at Fort McIntosh but he does not recollect by whom it was signed it has been lost or mislaid.

That in the year 1781 a few weeks before the surrender of Cornwallace [Cornwallis] [October 19, 1781], he was drafted in Captain Joel Berry's company for 3 months at Hampshire County Virginia and was marched to the assistance of the Americans at the Battle of York but did not reach there in time – said company was then used as a guard to guard the British prisoners at the Barracks near Winchester Virginia – and about the time that our term of service was about to expire said prisoners were marched down the Potomac River to Shepherdstown under our protection and there crossed said River and were placed under the Maryland Militia – our company then returned and were discharged at Winchester after having served three months – said company was not attached to any General Division of the Continental Army – there were other Militia Companies that assisted to guard said prisoners at this applicant is unable from loss of memory to state who had the command of said companies or to state the name of any of the

¹ John Earson

² John Printy

staff will General officers. He states that the whole length [?] of service performed by him in said two tours amounted to six months. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

Answers to Interrogatories

To the 1st. I was born in Frederick County Maryland in April 1762

To the 2nd. I have a record of my age (which was taken from my father's family record) which I have now in my possession.

To the 3rd. Since the Revolution I lived 17 or 18 years in Hampshire County Virginia 17 years in Greene County Tennessee 3 years in Highland County Ohio and now lives in Brown County of Ohio and has resided there for 17 years past.

To the 4th. Answered in detail

To the 5th. In my first tour I knew Colonel Broadhead and Colonel Gipson of the Continental line with whom I served and Colonel Harrison of the Virginia Militia. He does not remember any of the officers in his second tour.

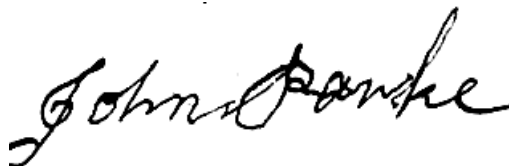
To the 6. I received a discharge from my 1st tour at Fort McIntosh which has been lost. I do not remember by whom it was given for my 2nd tour I also received a discharge from Captain Berry which has also been lost.

To the 7th. The Reverend James Harris, James Rounds Esquire, James Rands Junr., Lemuel Rounds, Nicholas Walker and William Neal Esquire are persons in my neighborhood to whom I am known and who can testify to my character for truth and veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of 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 the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ G. W. King, Clerk

S/ John Parke

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Parke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the typed name "S/ John Parke".

[James Harriss, a clergyman, and James Rounds, Junior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for services as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]