

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Parker S1709

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: Sixth Judicial Circuit

This day personally appeared Thomas Parker before me Parry W Humphreys one of the Circuit Judges in & for the state aforesaid now presiding in the sixth Judicial Circuit, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he is about fifty-seven years of age & is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country. That sometime about the winter or spring of the year 1777 or 1778 he enlisted in the regular service of the United States at Prince Edward County State of Virginia in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain John Holcomb belonging to the 4th Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental Troops under the command of Colonel Lawson [Robert Lawson]. That at the time he joined said company he enlisted for the term of three years, and continued with said company for the full Term of his enlistment. That during the term of his service he was actively engaged in behalf of the United States against the common enemy, and was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & was also in the service during the battles of Brandywine & Germantown, and continued in the faithful discharge of the various duties of his station as a private soldier until the expiration of the term of service for which he enlisted when he was regularly discharged in Philadelphia by some of the field officers (but who, he does not now recollect) in the month of February or March in 1780 or 1781. This discharge this affiant has either lost or destroyed by accident and what has become of it he does not know. This affiant knows of no one in this state by whom he could prove the facts herein stated, and has no other testimony to offer his country for her bounty, but the solitary affidavit of and aged, decrepit, poor unfortunate war-wore soldier. He thinks it probable that in Virginia he could find some few remaining man of '76 by whom he could prove his allegations. But it is out of his power to procure their testimony. He is so severely pressed by the hard hand of hard fortune & so [indecipherable word] by the lapse of time that he has neither the means nor strength of body to enable him to procure their testimony. And if on his own statement of facts he cannot get relief, he must still read here the Country that protects & supports his tried companions who are so happy as to obtain her bounty.

This affiant further states that he has never received a pension from the United States nor from any other source & he hereby releases every right that he has to receive a pension from his Government, but the one Claimed for the facts herein stated.

He further states that he is a citizen of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee & prays to be placed on the pension list &c.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th of September 1819

S/ P. W. Humphreys

S/ Thomas Parker

Thomas Parker

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions – July Term 1820

On this 22nd day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record erected by statute and of unlimited civil Jurisdiction of the Law side of said Court, for the said County Thomas Parker about fifty-eight or nine years of age, resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war for three years, that he enlisted in the County of Captain John Holcomb and served in the 4th Virginia Regiment of the Continental establishment under Colonel Lawson & was in the battle of Monmouth and in the service at the time of the battle of Brandywine and Germantown and discharged by an officer in Philadelphia, And I do solemnly swear that I have been placed on the pension list roll of West Tennessee agency by pension certificate bearing number 15 938 and that I made my original declaration for a pension on the 28th day of September 1819 and that I have no particular trade or profession and my family consists of my wife about 58 years old and who is lame, one daughter 22 years of age named Nancy, one son named Thomas now in his 18th year, both of the last named hard able to make their living and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Thomas Parker

13 acres of land worth \$2 per acre  
7 head of cattle some of which are calves  
2 horses  
28 hogs and pigs and all  
2 chopping axes, one iron wedge  
3 hoes, 2 plows, one pair of drawing chains  
1 fro, 1 drawing knife & chisel, one pot & oven

S/ Thomas Parker

State of Tennessee Hardin County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions June Term 1833

Be it remembered that on this the 17th day of June in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions of Hardin County now sitting Thomas Parker a resident of Hardin County aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 was born in Looningburgh County [Lunenburg County] State of Virginia in the year 1760 from the best information he has on the Subject he has no register of his age. He was raised an orphan boy by a gentleman by the name of Pascal Greendal, he never saw any register

of his age, when he entered the Service he lived in Prince Edward County State of Virginia, he enlisted as a regular Soldier for three years under Captain John Holcomb in the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Lossen [probably Robert Lawson], in the year of 1777 or 1778 but he does not recollect in which year it was in the spring of the year. From Prince Edward he was marched to Dumfries & there he was inoculated for the Kind Pox [smallpox?] remained there about one month & then marched to Philadelphia where he joined General Washington [s] Army. At the time of the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777], he was sick in Philadelphia – when he General Washington left Philadelphia he this affiant was carried to Trenton in a vessel. After he landed at Trenton, he again joined his Regiment. He was at the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, him and 78], and General Charles Lee's division. He continued in the Army until he served out his three years, when he was discharged at Philadelphia in that year the British sailed around to the South, during the time he was in the Army and he was changed from the 4th Regiment and attached to the 6th Regiment and was discharged from that Regiment. He received a discharge in writing and had it when he drew his 100 acres land warrant for his services in Richmond – but he has since lost or mislaid it, he has not seen it for many years. He had two Brothers in the Army at the same time, they were not in the same Regiment, John Parker served out his three years and enlisted again for during the war and was wounded in the knee, & has drawn a Pension from the United States. Sterling Parker by other brother died in the Army, he was commanded by General Green [presumably Nathanael Greene], He this affiant about twelve years ago applied for a pension and was put on the pension roll & obtained a warrant from the Secretary at War and drew one half years pension \$48 – but was afterwards taken off of the roll because he had more property than those who remained on the roll, he lived in Lincoln County State of Tennessee when he was put on the pension roll, From Virginia he moved to Person County North Carolina and, From thence to Lincoln County Tennessee, from Lincoln to Hardin County where he has resided for the last four years. 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, He put his warrant he obtained from the Secretary of the War in the hands [of] Squire Boyles of Lincoln County about the same time when he drew his pension, and the said Boyles says he has since lost said warrant for 8 or 10 years and believes that it is lost. This affiant has no testimony by which he can prove his service, neither does he know of any person. Joseph Duncan a clergyman of my neighborhood and Basel Sexton are acquainted with me and can testify as to their belief of my services and veracity.

S/ Thomas Parker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

[Joseph Dunan, a clergyman, and Bassel Sexton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia service.]