

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Purgett S18170

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State of Virginia, Hampshire County

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1883 personally appeared before the County Court of Hampshire a Court of unlimited Jurisdiction in all cases of law and equity Henry Purgett a resident of the said County and State aged eighty years; who being duly sworn according to law doth in his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That in the year 1778 in the fall, He was drafted in the County of Hampshire and marched from said County in a company commanded by Capt. Abraham Johnson and was attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Riddle and Major Vanmetre [probably Garret Vanmeter], that they marched to the mouth of Beaver [River] Pennsylvania where they built a fort called Fort McIntosh at a place where the town of Beaver [sic, Beaver Falls?] now stands. After this we marched to Tuscarawas [River] one of the head waters of the Mus Kingdom [sic, Muskingum River] where we built Fort Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens] and sometime after returned home having been called into service only for six months. In the year 1781 He was drafted to go after the Tories in the County of Hardy & served two or three weeks that he has no documenting evidence and that he no knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except the affidavit of James Parker hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatsoever to 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Purgett, X his mark

[Frederick High and John Ludwick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1 question When and in what year were you born.

Answer Near Frederick Town Maryland in the year 1753

2 question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer I have no record of my age

3 question Where were you living when called into service. Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you live now.

Answer All the time in Hampshire County Virginia

4 question How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if substitute for whom.

Answer I was drafted

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

Answer Colonel Broadhead & Lieut Sparks of the Continental line, Sparks was killed by the Indians. I also knew Genl McIntosh but can recollect no others the rest of the question is answered in my declaration

6 question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given & what

has become of it.

Answer I never received a written discharge

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

Ans: Frederick High, Henry High & John Ludwick.

Hampshire County

James Parker<sup>1</sup> this day made oath before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County that he is well acquainted with Henry Purgett an applicant for a pension, that he knows of his own Knowledge that said Henry served as set forth in his declaration in a company commanded by Captain Abraham Johnston, this affiant being one of the party. Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833.

S/ Wm Armstrong

[Veteran was pensioned at the of \$21.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 14 days in the Virginia militia.]

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1 [James Parker W6853](#)