

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Parker S21414

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

On this First day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas in the State aforesaid and for the District aforesaid, now in session, John Parker, residing in the State and District aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832,

On the 18th of November 1775 & under Captain John Irwine [sic, John Erwin] he marched to 96 [Ninety Six] and was in an engagement which continued for some time and after eight days service was disbursed by the Tories -- Reassembled under same officer commanded by General Williamson [then Major Andrew Williamson] in December and after a tour of six weeks called the Snow Camps¹ having taken some prisoners and scoured the country about Saluda River were disbanded.

In July 1776 in Captain John Irwine's Company commanded by General Williamson marched against the Cherokee Indians was in the engagement in which Young Salvador [Francis Salvador]² was killed -- was in the Ring battle³ in which they were surrounded by the Indians and many killed and wounded and having been out 3 months was sent back to Ninety Six with the wounded.

July 1777 in Captain Irwine's Company commanded by Williamson marched in the Florida Expedition⁴ joined the Regular Forces and having staid there 8 days were marched back having served a tour of 3 months --

In February 1778 in Captain Irwine's commanded by Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] with a number of horsemen marched to Beach Island and scoured that country and having served six weeks were disbanded --

In the Fall of same year under same officers served a tour of three months against the Cherokees in the direction of the standing Peach tree.

In May 1779 in Captain Norwood's [John Norwood's] Company of Rangers under the command of Colonel Jackson served a tour of six weeks on Long Cane [Creek] in South Carolina and a part of the time in Georgia skirmishing through the Country --

In 1780 under the command of Colonel Robert Anderson and Pickens marched to T

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ring_fight.html

⁴ Second Florida expedition: Spring 1777 <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution11.html>

Sawta [?] Town in the Cherokee Nation and served one month.

In January 1781 joined a company commanded by Captain Samuel Moore and was with him in active service scouring the Country -- Skirmishing with the Tories and occasionally attaching themselves to various commands in different parts of the Country and having served with him 10 months he was killed by William Cunningham when this applicant was commanded by Captain Robert Maxwell and having pursued Cunningham and the Tories to Bull Swamp they returned and were disbanded having served with him about 6 weeks.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

To the Interrogatories⁵ propounded by this Court he answers

First -- Was born in Ireland in 1759 as he supposes being he is well satisfied in his 16th year when he entered the service.

Second -- Has no Record of his age

Third -- Was living in Abbeville South Carolina when he entered the service and lived there during the war and until he removed to Anderson District in which district he now resides.

Fourth -- was always a Volunteer.

Fifth -- The general circumstances of his services with the names of such officers as he served with already stated as far as recollected.

Sixth -- Never had a written discharge --

Seventh -- He resides at some distance from the Court House and knows but few of his neighbors now present but he would appeal with great confidence to every neighbor he has for a testimonial in favor of his veracity and his reputation in the neighborhood as a Soldier of the Revolution.

In open Court Before

S/ Van A. Lawhorn, CC

S/ John Parker, X his mark

[Sanford Vandiver, a clergyman, and James Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: South Carolina Comptroller General's certificate showing service as follows:

69 days duty as a private footmen in Colonel William Jinkins [William Jenkins'] company, Colonel Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment, General Sumter's Brigade 18th of October 25th of December 1781.]⁶

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$74.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 22 months and 22 days in the South Carolina militia.]

⁵ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

5th 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.

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

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.

⁶ This information probably applies to a different "John Parker" living in the New Acquisition portion of SC.