

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Parrott S21918

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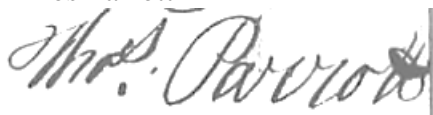
For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828. I Thomas Parrott of Richmond District (late of Fairfield District) in the State of South Carolina, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the War, and continued in its service until the City of Charleston fell [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] into the possession of the enemy, when I was surrendered as a prisoner in Captain Richard Winn's Company in Colonel Thomson's [William Thomson's] Regiment of Rangers which as this declarant believes was the 3rd of the South Carolina line -- Afterwards I made my escape from the enemy, & served with the militia of the State until the close of the war, by reason of which I received no regular discharge, and did not receive any certificates for the reward of \$80.

And I further declare, that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States nor at any time since.

I further declare that I was wounded, & both my shoulder blades cut through with a sword or saber, during the said.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of September in the year 1831.

S/ Thos Parrott



[Hugh Milling and Philip Pearson gave a supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Richland District }

On the second day of October in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before me Josiah J. Evans, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions now sitting, Thomas Parrott a resident of the district of Richland in the State of South Carolina in the seventy third year of his age, who being 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. He first entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Addison [Captain Thomas Addison]¹ of Colonel Richardson's [Richard Richardson's] Regiment in March

¹ See [B23](#)

1776 and continued with him until the beginning of the year 1777. He was during this time in no engagement or battle. In March 1777 he enlisted with Captain Richard Winn belonging to the third Regiment of Rangers commanded by Colonel William Thomson for 15 months, and served the whole time. I marched on the 10th June 1777 from South Carolina to St. Mary's under the command of the said Richard Winn as Captain and Andrew Gray and John Winn Lieutenant. After we reached Georgia we were placed under the Command of Genl. Williamson [Andrew Williamson], and continued with him until we reached St. Mary's; after which in the same year we were marched back to South Carolina. In the year 1778 he volunteered with Captain Pearson [John Pearson] of Colonel John Winn's Regiment. He was marched near Augusta, and thence to Georgia under Colonel Leroy Hammond in an expedition against the Indians & Tories. He was in a battle in 1779 against the Indians on the head waters of Canoochee [River]. After this he was marched back to Augusta & thence to Stono. At that place he was taken sick & received a furlough to return home, where he remained until the fall of Charleston. In the year 1781 he was under Captain Pearson & Major Lyles in a battle with the Tories on Broad River in South Carolina. When he entered the service and during the whole war, he was a resident of Fairfield County in the State of South Carolina. He has no documentary evidence of these statements, but submits the affidavit of Major Charnel Durham, who was a Captain in the War of the revolution in Col Hopkins' Regiment, and under whose command the deponent served as a volunteer – as will fully appear by his Certificate hereunto annexed. The deponent states that he was born in the year 1760 on the first day of July as appears in the family Bible, in Halifax County North Carolina. He has lived ever since the Revolution in Fairfield & Richland Districts in South Carolina & still lives in Richland District. He never received a discharge from the service. He states that D. Samuel Green & Major Charnel Durham are acquainted with him & will vouch for his character for veracity & their belief of his service in the revolution.

S/ Thos Parrott

Sworn to before me this 2nd October 1832

S/ Benj. Rawls

And further 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.

S/ Thos. Parrott

[Benjamin Tradewell, a clergyman, and Samuel Green gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Richland District: Personally appeared Captain Charnel Durham² in open court & makes oath that he knew Thomas Parrott during the revolutionary war, he volunteered under Captain Thomas Addison in 1776, under Colonel Richardson; He enlisted in 1777, under Richard Winn Captain & Colonel Thomson's Regiment, for 15 months; he was with deponent in a battle in Georgia against the Indians & Tories this side of Ogeechee, at a place called Rocky Comfort; afterwards he served in deponent's company which he commanded twice, 3 months each time.

Sworn to in open Court to October 1833

S/Charnel Durham, X his mark

S/ James S. Guignard, Clerk

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield }

Before me James Elliot Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for Fairfield District in the State aforesaid one of the Quorum ex officio, personally appeared

² [Charnel \(Charnal\) Durham W9418](#)

Thomas Parrott a resident of Richland District in the State aforesaid, and being duly sworn makes oath that he is the identical Thomas Parrott who made his declaration in open Court at Richmond Court House the 2nd day of October 1832 before the Honorable Josiah J. Evans presiding Judge, in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

1st In the first tour of duty mentioned in the declaration, declarant when called into service was living in Fairfield District South Carolina one mile from the place now known as Monticello, was called into service in the month of February 1776 as a volunteer private attached to a Company under Captain Addison. Was marched over Broad River into Lexington District South Carolina and rendezvoused at Major Sumner's. Captain Nicholas Summers and company, Captain William Lyles & Company and Colonel James Liles with some men from his Regiment, Captain Ephraim Liles & Company, Captain Addison's Company under command of Frank Kirkland Lieutenant were present and engaged in this tour. Colonel Beard commanded the whole detachment. Adam Summers was Major. This expedition was designed to intercept a body of Tories that were making their way to St Augustine. Was discharged in June 1776. Was in service 4 months as a private in this Tour. Was in no battle in this Tour. The Tories crossed the Savannah River above Augusta and escaped.

2nd As stated, in reference to the 2nd tour in service the deponent enlisted under Captain Richard Winn in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Rangers under command of Colonel William Thompson [Thomson] in the month of March 1777, for 15 months as a private soldier and served out his full term of service. In the month of June 1778 and whilst the Regiment was encamped at Belville South Carolina Colonel Thomson gave Captain Richard Winn orders to march his Company to Fairfield District where they mostly live and discharged his men, the term for which they had enlisted having expired. Colonel Winn and marched his company to his own plantation in Little River and dismissed his men. George Watts, James Ogilvie, Ricks Pope, ___ Morfit, James Smith, Henry Smith and many others to the number of 40 or 50 together with Deponent were all discharged at the same time, and in June 1778, by Captain Richard Winn. The Deponent believes that all that were discharged at that time had enlisted about the same time and all full 15 months, That it falls within the personal knowledge of Deponent that many of them had enlisted for that period. No written discharge was received by Deponent nor by any of the soldiers discharged at this time and no Discharge in writing was called for nor was any thought necessary. Deponent after enlisting marched under Andrew Grey 1st and John Winn 2nd lieutenants with the company to Shireys ferry [sic, Shirer's ferry]³ Broad River, thence to Augusta Georgia and joined Captain Simpkins, Edgefield South Carolina Militia. Marched in and joined the Main Army at Altamaha River Georgia. The Main Army was commanded by General Andrew Williamson, Colonel John Winn was along in command of a Regiment. Colonel Robert Goodwyn was along also commanding a Regiment there were about 2200 troops. The whole Army marched on to St. Mary's Florida. There some regulars were encamped from South Carolina and Georgia at Fort Brown. The Militia encamped about 1 mile above. The intention was to take St Augustine. After the lying about 2 months about the St. Mary's the militia were discharged. Deponent and Company stayed there some time after the Militia were discharged and was marched back to South Carolina and joined the Regiment at Belville Colonel Thompson present and in command. The troops were engaged principally in marching through the neighborhood of Belville in scouts until Deponent and Company were discharged as before noted in June 1778, having served 15 months as a private enlisted soldier.

3rd In the 3rd tour he Deponent served from the 10th day of March 1779 on which day deponent with Captain John Pearson's company rendezvoused at Shirer's ferry Broad River, until the 10th day of June of same year, as a [one or more words obliterated by having been written

³ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/shirersfy.htm>

over and lined out], being 3 months service, in the militia. John Pearson commanded the Company and John Winn the Regiment. Robert Alison [sic, Allison] was the Major. Joined 2 or 300 Georgians at Augusta Colonel Jack commanded a Regiment, Colonel LeRoy Hammond commanded the whole detachment. Had a battle with the Indians on the head of Canoochee [River]. Killed 11 Indians and 2 white men painted. And took 5 Indians and 5 white man (3 painted) prisoners and dispersed and defeated the balance. Returned back to Augusta, encamped there some time and were marched to Stono part of the way under the command of General Andrew Williamson, joined the new levies of North Carolina 1800 men under General Rutherford at the 3 Runs and the balance of the march to Stono under the command of General Lincoln. Received a furlough as stated in the declaration, but was unable to start home for a few days when the Company were all discharged the relief having arrived and deponent returned with his Company.

4th In May first 1781 Deponent volunteered as a private Sergeant Captain John Pearson commanded the company Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment. The Colonel and about 210 of his Regiment and rendezvoused at Colonel Richard Winn's plantation and the Regiment marched to the Congaree Fort which they assisted in taking. Deponent with some others under command of John Gray then Captain were detached and sent back to Fairfield to prevent the Tories from plundering, after scouting about some time in Fairfield were mustered into Newberry District after Colonel Bill Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] a Tory Colonel. Did not meet the Tories, returned to Jackson's Creek Fairfield District, thence marched to Sandy River Chester District, returned to Jackson's Creek thence to Wateree, Cedar Creek, Crane Creek, Sciummy's [?] Creek and back to Jackson's Creek. This detachment then disbanded, and deponent fell in with his proper Company Lake under Command of John Pearson, were immediately marched as Sergeant in the militia under John Pearson Colonel, Anamanos Lyles [Bobby Moss spells this man's name as either Aeromanus Lyles or Aramana Liles] Major, and Deponent's father Thomas Parrott Captain of the same company John Pearson formerly commanded. About 2 or 300 of Colonel Pearson's Regiment were along, a few from Colonel Thomas Taylor's Regiment along were marched to Edisto in Orangeburg and in the Saltcatcher [sic, Salkehatchee River]. This expedition sent principally after a Col. Moore and party of plundering Tories. Returned home and discharged in the 22nd or 23rd December 1781 after a service of 7 months and 22 days as a Sergeant in the Militia. Deponent served in several other tours of duty which he is advised it is unnecessary to mention seeing more than 2 years service is already proved. Deponent was under General Thomas Sumter in the year 1781 the 15th of February, and Captain Thomas Parrott's Company and was attacked by a party of Tarleton's horse about 8 miles above Columbia in the night. Deponent received 11 strikes of the sword. Two on his shoulders that have injured him ever since. His left arm is now nearly useless. The leaders [?] having Shrunk and contracted, both shoulders severely wounded. Deponent in all the tours and terms of service mentioned served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority, that he served in the field as stated and that for the time during which the services mentioned were performed he was exclusively engaged in his military duties and was not engaged in any civil pursuit whatever.

Deponent never received a written Discharge was always discharged by his Captain verbally after he had received orders from his Colonel. Deponent served (as above stated) and claims a pension for 10 months and 22 days service as a Sergeant and for the balance of the time constituting 2 years (I served) as a private. Deponent's service in all being 10 months 22 days as a Sergeant and 19 months as a private and a greater length of service had it been deemed necessary to prove a greater [service].

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 30th September 1833

S/ J. Elliott, QU ExO

S/ Thos. Parrott

South Carolina Fairfield District

Before me appeared Captain Charnal Durham of Fairfield District, and being sworn makes oath That he is the identical Charnal Durham whose deposition is attached to the declaration of Thomas Parrott made the 2nd day of October 1832 before Judge Josiah Evans in order to obtain a pension. That Deponent is now on the pension list as a soldier of the Revolution. That he lived in the same neighborhood with said Thomas Parrott during the whole period of the revolutionary war, and knows that he was in service as a soldier nearly the whole time of the war. Deponent was in service with said Parrott in the 2nd term in Thomson's Regiment, and in the 3rd tour to Augusta, and in 2 other tours, and is satisfied that he served fully the time he has proved in the foregoing deposition. That he has ever been reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the revolution in his neighborhood and never disputed. That he is a man of veracity and every reliance to be placed on his correctness and truth.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the September 30th 1833

S/ J. Elliott, QU ExO

S/ Charnal Durham, C his mark

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South Carolina Richland District: Before me personally appeared Thomas Parrott & made oath that he sent on a Certificate to the Secretary of War at Washington in the fall of last year stating that he has been wounded in the revolutionary War near Columbia South Carolina which disabled him very much so that he is entirely unable to work for a living. Deponent believes from the Certificate of said Secretary that he has not been allowed anything for his having been wounded (which is only \$80 per annum) but only for his services as a common soldier -- he herewith submits a Certificate of 2 Regular practicing physicians who examined him & also the affidavit of Captain Charnell Durham who saw his wounds before they were healed -- & hopes that he will be allowed in addition to the pension he is now receiving so as to make him in his old age a reasonable support.

Sworn to before me 4th Marched 1834

S/ Samuel E. Hammond, QU

S/ Thomas Parrot

South Carolina Fairfield District: Personally appeared Captain Charnell Durham & makes oath that he is well acquainted with Thomas Parrott & has been well acquainted with him about 65 years -- (he now draws a pension of \$80 from the United States according to the Certificate of the Secretary of War) Deponent swears that he examined his wounds which he got in both shoulders by the Deponent further states that he believes said wound has greatly disabled said Parrott especially in his left arm so that he considers him at his advanced age wholly unable to make himself a support -- & further states that he knew him to be a faithful American soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to before me February 25th 1834

S/ J. Elliott, QU

S/ Charnell Durham, C his mark

South Carolina Richland District: We the Subscribers regular practicing Physicians in the town of Columbia, do certify that we have examined the wounds of Thomas Parrott & do say that said wounds do now & to a moral certainty will prove after [to] incapacitate him to get a living by personal labor.

S/ B. F. Harris, MD

S/ Edward Sill

South Carolina District of Richland: I do hereby certify that Doctors Benjamin F. Harris & Edward Sill who hath subscribed the within Certificate are Respectable Practicing Physicians of High Repute in this City as professional men; Given under my hand and seal at Columbia South Carolina this 4th Marched 1834.

S/ S. T. Hammond, Secy. State

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line. The veteran also served in the South Carolina militia.]