

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Parmly (Parmley) ¹ S30637 Elizabeth Smith² f60NC
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State of Kentucky, Russell Circuit Court} Sct.

On this 6th day of August 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court for Russell County now sitting as a Court John Parmly a resident citizen of Russell County Kentucky aged Seventy two years who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers while a resident of Wilkes County State of North Carolina and served as herein stated. That sometime in the year 1778 according to his present recollection the day or month he cannot now state he entered the service of the United States for the term of three months in the company of Captain Larkin Cleveland as a Substitute for this deponent's Father belonging to the Regiment of Col Benjamin Cleveland after rendezvousing was marched in a direction to Ramsour's Mill in said State where the Tories were encamped for the purpose of suppressing & dispersing the Tories, were marched into Burke County after remaining in Burke a short time he together with the rest of the Regiment was marched to a place called Hamblin's Old Store and was stationed there a short time and from thence was marched to and stationed at Wilkes Courthouse, and remained there in the service until he had served out fully three months for which he entered the service as a Substitute and was discharged from service by Captain Judd [Rawlin Judd] who commanded the Company in place of Larkin Cleveland who was wounded on the Catawba River by the Tories who had lay in ambush on the march towards Ramsour's Mill he thinks he received a discharge in writing which has long since been lost or entirely worn out & destroyed by age. Afterwards sometime in the month of May 1780 he volunteered in the Minute Service for six months in the Company of Captain John Morgan, belonged to the Regiment of Col Benjamin Cleveland, he was then a resident of Wilkes County immediately after volunteering he was ordered into the Service and was some time stationed at Wilkes Courthouse and marching to different places when ordered. The Tories were at the time marching about and committing depredations in the neighborhood of the Courthouse and after the corps under Colonel Campbell [William Campbell of Virginia] joined the Regiment the two regiments with others were marched into South Carolina and while out in the service we were in the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], in which Battle the Lieutenant of the Company Martin Gambrel [Martin Gambrell or Gambill] was wounded in the arm, after the Battle he was ordered to assist in Guarding the Tories, and marched back to Wilkes Courthouse and after remaining there about a month was ordered to march to Salisbury and after remaining there some time in service the Tory prisoners were marched towards Guilford Courthouse, and he was marched to Hamblin's Store in Wilkes County and was there discharged from service. He will not state with exactness

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² Former widow

how much of said six months he served but states he was actually & constantly engaged not less than five months he received a discharge for six months signed as he now thinks by Captain Morgan [John Morgan] and Col Cleveland which has long since been lost. Afterwards still a resident of Wilkes County he was drafted for three months in the Company of Captain Paul Patrick. Sometime in the month of June 1780, belonged to the Regiment of Col Elisha Isaacs the Regiment rendezvoused at Hamblin's Old Store and was from then marched to and joined the brigade under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] at Salisbury and joined the Main Army under General Gates [Horatio Gates] at the mouth of Rocky River and at the mouth of said River we had a Battle or Skirmish [Little Lynches Creek, August 11, 1780] with the British & Tories in which we had a Captain wounded who afterwards died. The Army was then marched to the road that leads from North Carolina to Camden South Carolina, and was then marched towards Camden, and was in the Battle fought between the British & Tories on one side and American Militia & Regulars on the other in which Battle General Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. The company to which he belonged retreated towards Salisbury North Carolina at Salisbury Lieutenant Sewell [?] who took command of the Company and we were marched to Hamblin's Old Store at which place Captain Richard Allen took command of the Company and marched out towards the head of Dan River to disperse the Tories the company had a skirmish with the Tories and took several prisoners was then marched back to Wilkes Courthouse and after having fully served out said three months at said place he was discharged from service at the time he received no discharge in writing. Sometime after the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] he was desirous of coming to the frontiers and Captain Patrick gave him a certificate of his Service and a pass to evidence his services and patriotism which he retained many years but which has been lost or worn out & destroyed. Afterwards still a resident of Wilkes County sometime in the year 1781 as he now thinks he became a Substitute for Burrell Brewer to serve four months in the Company of Captain Alexander Gordon. The company was rendezvoused at Hamblin's Old Store and was marched to and joined the Regiment of Col Armand a Frenchman at a place called Charlotte or Charlottesvile and was from there marched to Camden South Carolina and joined the Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene], was marched from there to the high hills of Santee, remained there some time was then marched back to Camden and crossed the River and marched across the Congaree and from there was marched to and was engaged in the Battle of Eutaw Springs and after the Battle he was engaged in the Service Guarding the prisoners taken in the Battle and was marched towards Camden and after remaining there in service some time he was ordered by Genl Greene to assist in Guarding the prisoners on their march to Salisbury and marched the prisoners to within about 12 miles of Salisbury where we were compelled to Guard the prisoners for some time after the expiration of the four months for which he entered the service and until a relief of Soldiers came and he was discharged from Service and received a discharge for four months Service signed by Captain Gordon which has long been lost or destroyed.

He has no Documentary evidence whatever of his Services and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services. He is known to the Honorable Martin Beaty his Representative in Congress who has been intimately and well acquainted with him since the year 1816 he was then a resident of Wayne County who can testify to his character for veracity and his belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution he is also known to John Lane a Clergyman and Enoch Yantis a Justice of the peace who are residents of his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his 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 or Territory.

He was born in the State of New Jersey in about 12 miles of Elizabeth Town according to his present recollection in the County of Essex according to his Recollection of what his Parents told him on the fourth day of June 1762. He has no Record of his age. He is entirely illiterate

can neither read nor write. He was called into the service as stated in his Declaration he was living in Wilkes County North Carolina when he was called into Service after the Revolutionary War he moved to the State of Georgia and lived in Wilkes County upwards of 12 months he removed from there to Hawkins County, State of Tennessee lived there almost eight years he then moved to Claiborne County of said State and lived about one year he then moved to Cumberland County Kentucky lived there four or five years, moved from there to Wayne County Kentucky and lived there about 26 years – he removed from Wayne County to this State of Missouri and lived there near 12 months and moved back to and settled in the County of Russell adjoining the County of Wayne in the year 1830 where he has lived since and where he now resides.

He has stated in his Declaration the names of the officers and the general circumstances of his Service where his served.

He received according to his present belief, discharges in writing for his different terms of Service as stated in his Declaration, but which as stated has long since been lost, destroyed or worn out.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Parmly, X his mark

[Martin Beaty gave a supporting affidavit.]

[John Lane, a clergyman, and Enoch Yantis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: On October 11, 1855 in Clinton County Kentucky, Francis A. Smith, a resident of said County and Guardian of Nancy Eveline Parmley, 'infant daughter of John Parmley, filed a claim in which he states that John Parmley died in Clinton County Kentucky April 25, 1848 leaving Elizabeth Parmley his widow. That Elizabeth Parmley intermarried with the above named Francis A. Smith on the 5th day of August 1850. That the above named Nancy Eveline was born in Clinton County, Kentucky November 26 1845; that Elizabeth Parmley's maiden name was Elizabeth Pittman]

[p 16: On July 5, 1854 in Clinton County Kentucky, the Reverend William Cross, 67, a Baptist minister, filed an affidavit in which he states that he solemnized the marriage of John Parmley to Elizabeth Pittman on January 1, 1845; that the marriage took place in Clinton County in the house of John Pittman, father of the bride; that the groom was an elderly man at the time of his marriage to Elizabeth Pittman and stated that he was a pensioner of the revolution.]

[p 52: marriage bond for marriage of John Parmley to Miss Elizabeth Pitman]

[p 49: marriage bond for marriage of Francis A. Smith to Mrs. Elizabeth Parmley.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died at the house of his father-in-law John Pitman in Clinton County, Kentucky: that Francis A. Smith married Elizabeth Pittman Parmley on August 7, 1852; Francis A. Smith was 41 years old as of August 2, 1853; on August 18, 1853, Elizabeth Pitman Parmley Smith was 39 years of age and a resident of Clinton County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His former widow was granted a pension in a like amount.]