

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Parker S31292

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State of Kentucky County of Bath: SS

On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Bath now sitting, Edward Parke [sic] a resident of the County of bath and State of Kentucky aged 78 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

On the 6th day of March 1780 I enlisted at Boonesborough under Captain John Bailey who was Captain under Captain [sic, Colonel] George Rogers Clark, since General Clark, who commanded the Illinois Regiment and John Montgomery was Lieutenant Colonel, I was marched from Boonesborough Kentucky to the falls of the Ohio, we descended the Ohio River to the Iron Banks on the Mississippi River, at the Iron Banks we built a garrison and remained there about twelve months, from there we went on to the O post, the place where Vincents [Vincennes] is now situated. We remained there in a fort called Fort Patrick Henry until November following when we left and returned to the falls of the Ohio, where I remained until I was discharged which was on the 7th of March 1783 during which time we made frequent excursions, burned many Indian towns, and had many skirmishes with the Indians. [Paper damaged, text missing] have not got my discharge it was taken to Ric [paper damaged, text missing] Virginia and I understand it was there filed, so it [paper worn, text missing] not got it and cannot procure it – but I can prove my services or the greater part of them by John Smothers and Moses Nelson. 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 –

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Parker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Parker". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted to the right.

[William White, a clergyman, John Smothers² and Moses Nelson³ gave the standard supporting affidavit: in addition "we've the aforesaid Nelson and Smothers know him to have been a soldier

¹ I could not find this veteran's file on the Fold3.com website as of 12/14/12. If you stumble across it misfiled, please let me know.

² [John Smothers \(Smethers, Smithers\) W26475](#)

³ [Moses Nelson R7585](#)

of the revolution having served with him and we do further certify that this is the same Edward Parker that we served with and knew...."]

Interrogatories put to Edward Parker to be annexed to his statement –

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the year 1754 in Pitt County North Carolina –

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

Answer: I have none but my statement of my age is according to my recollection of the record made by my Father –

3rd How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I enlisted at Boonesborough Kentucky –

4th Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: My home was at Boonesborough Kentucky I have lived in the Counties of Madison, Clark and Bath Kentucky and am now living in the County of Bath Kentucky –

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

Answer: General Clark commanded the Regiment John Montgomery was Lieutenant Colonel and John Bailey Captain. I was acquainted with the Illinois Regiment, and my services being of a nature very difficult to describe as I was frequently changing places I must refer to my statement for the general circumstances –

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

Answer: I received a discharge from the service, it was given by Major George Wales, it was sent to Richmond Virginia and I suppose it is there yet as I have not got it at this time –

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.

Answer: Josiah Collins, Joseph Carter, Joseph Bondurant and William White and Moses Nelson.

[The was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for two years in the Virginia service.]