

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Parks S31898

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State of Georgia, County of Franklin} SS

On this third day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County and state aforesaid now sitting for ordinary purposes Henry Parks a resident of Captain Ginn's District in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy four years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of North Carolina in Wilkes County in 1774 or 1775 under Captain Guest [Moses Guest] as a volunteer & was placed under command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], was marched to the Valley Towns in the Cherokee Nation,¹ were on scouting parties & took some prisoners served at that time two months and was discharged by Col Armstrong [Martin Armstrong]. He afterwards enlisted in the Militia for six months as a Minute Man under Lieutenant Benjamin Cleveland and Captain Walton [Jesse Walton], was marched against the Tories & Scotch to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville), served out the six months and was discharged by Captain Walton.

He next entered the Army in Wilkes County under Captain Gilreath [sic, probably William Galbreath] & Genl Rutherford, was marched to Purrysburg South Carolina, was stationed there some time & some time at the Two Sisters or Sisters Ferry, was discharged at Sisters Ferry after five months service on this tour. He again entered the Army as a volunteer in Wilkes County North Carolina under Captain Lewis [Joel Lewis] & Colonel Benjamin Cleveland was marched to Kings Mountain, was in that Battle [October 7, 1780]² & was there wounded by a rifle Ball through the arm. Returned home after about two months service & remained at home until his wound healed up.

Again volunteered under Captain John Cleveland & Colonel Lenore [sic, William Lenoir] & placed under command of Genl Rutherford, was marched within two miles of Wilmington, was placed as a guard at a Bridge to keep them from crossing over, was marched back to Wilkes and discharged by Captain John Cleveland after a service of about six weeks. He again volunteered under Captain Lewis & went to join General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and marched with his Army to High Rock Ford on Haw River was out about a month as a scout against the Tories.

Served about one month just before Gates [Horatio Gates] defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] – scouting after the Tories who were commanded by General Bryant [Samuel Bryan]. At that time he was a volunteer under Col Lewis, and was joined by Genl

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

Rutherford, when the Tories marched off & were defeated by Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] at hanging rock. He was in several other scouting parties always served at a moment's warning against the Tories but as this was irregular service does not distinctly recollect the time he served. Altogether he thinks he served about three years as a private soldier.

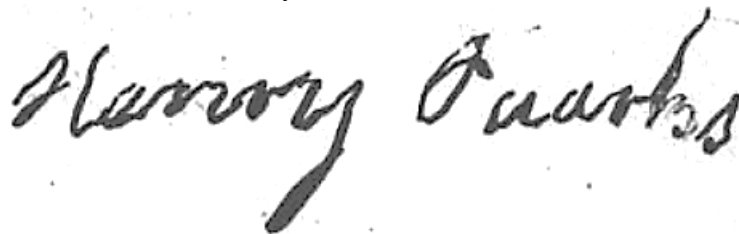
1. ³Was born in May 1758 in Albemarle County Virginia
2. Has a record of his age in possession of Thomas or Samuel Parks in Burke County North Carolina.
3. When called into service he lived in Wilkes County North Carolina. In 1784 he removed to Wilkes County in Georgia from thence he removed to Franklin County Georgia about 36 years since & has remained there ever since.
4. The five months service mentioned above he was a substitute for a Man (he does not recollect his name) who afterwards became a Tory. At all other times he was a volunteer.
5. Does not recollect many names of Regular officers, General Ash [sic, John Ashe] joined them while they were at the Sisters Ferry in South Carolina & Genl Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was there also just before the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]. Lincoln lay at Black Swamp.
6. Does not recollect that he had any regular discharge, if he had any they are lost.
7. Is known in his neighborhood by Captain Moses Guest under whom he served one Tour and who can testify to his veracity & to a part of his service. He is also known to John Stonecypher who also knew him in service and to David Garrison a preacher of the Gospel all of whom can testify to his veracity and to their belief of his having been 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 any agency of any state within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.\

S/ Thos King, Clk

S/ Henry Paarks [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Paarks". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

We David Garrison a Clergyman and John Stonecypher⁴ and Moses Guest⁵ all residents of the

³ 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

⁴ [John Stonecypher S16539](#)

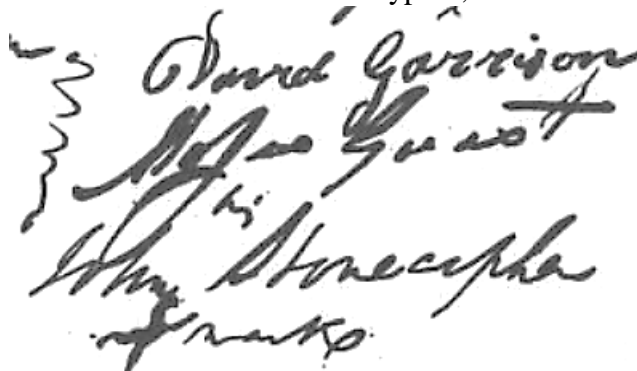
County and State first aforesaid Hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Henry Parks who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, That we believe him to be Seventy four years of age, That he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion. And the said Moses Guest & John Stonecypher further certifies that said Parks was in service & that they knew him in the service during a part of the time above stated.

S/ Thos. King, Clk

S/ David Garrison

S/ Moses Guest

S/ John Stonecypher, X his mark

Handwritten signatures of David Garrison, Moses Guest, and John Stonecypher. The signatures are written in cursive and are arranged vertically. A large 'X' is drawn over the signature of John Stonecypher.

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State of Georgia Franklin County} SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Henry Parks who has heretofore sworn to and subscribed the original Declaration to which this is annexed and who being again duly sworn on oath saith That by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following Grades:

For two months, in the fall of 1775 or 1776 he served under Captain Guess & General Rutherford as a private against the Cherokee Indians.

For six months he served as a private under Captain Walton by enlistment. This tour he thinks was in 1776 but it was the time that there was a skirmish at Cross Creek when the prisoners were taken & deponent went with them as a guard to Hillsborough. Deponent only served actually five months in this Tour as he was one month at home on furlough.

For five months he served as a private under Captain Gilbreth General Rutherford & Colonel Brevard, he entered in December 1778 and was discharged in April or May following: In this Tour he was stationed some time at Purrysburg South Carolina

For two months he served in the fall of 1780 as a private under Captain Joel Lewis & Colonel Cleveland. In this tour he was in the battle at Kings Mountain where he was wounded.

For one month in March 1781 he served as a private under Captain Joel Lewis & Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] & was marched and joined General Greene just below the High Rock.

For two months in August 1781 he served under Captain John Cleveland and Colonel Smith as a private was marched to near Wilmington NC where we killed some Tories at the Bridge.

For one month he served in March 1781 as a private under Colonel Lewis & General Rutherford & he thinks Captain Lewis & was marched after the Tories to the fork of the Yadkin.

Served altogether eighteen months for which services he claims a pension, & refers to his

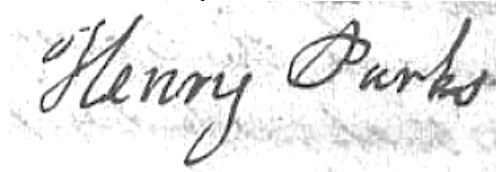
⁵ [Moses Guest W11072](#)

original Declaration for further particulars & for proof of service: Has also served several other tours but as he cannot recollect the dates nor the names of the officers he does not claim pay.

He served with an embodied Corps regularly ordered and called into service by Competent authority. That he was either in the field or in Garrison and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of September 1833.

S/ Henry Parks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Parks". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

S/ Solomon Thomason, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia.]