

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Parkerson S31902

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State of Georgia Pulaski County:

On this the 20th day of April in the year while Lord 1835, personally appeared before me James Polhill one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of the State of Georgia in open Court for the County aforesaid Jacob Parkerson a resident of said County aged seventy-three years who first being duly sworn according to law 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 enlisted in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia State troops as a private under Captain Smith the 1st and 2nd lieutenants were brothers by the name of Welch or Walch. That he was raised & resided in North Hampton [Northampton] County in the State of Virginia and was enlisted in that County in the fall of the year 1777 and was soon after attached to Mulenburg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade and immediately marched to Williamsburg and from thence to the SchoolKill [sic, Schuylkill River] at Valley Forge where the whole Regiment underwent vaccination and remained during the winter, while declarant remained in the Regiment he does not recollect distinctly enough to say positively to was the Major & Colonel but he continued in said Regiment until the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] in which this declarant was engaged at which General Muhlenberg commanded the Brigade under General Washington. That shortly after this battle he having a brother in the North Carolina line with the consent of the officers he exchanged places with John Linch [sic, Lynch?] of John Cradick's [sic, John Craddock's] Company -- Davis 1st Lieutenant and he supposes that deponent's name was erased and that of John Linch's placed upon the rolls: in its stead -- That the brother of this declarant was Sergeant of said Cradick's company. That this company was attached to the light Infantry commanded by Colonel Putnam and formed a part of General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] Brigade this Brigade lay at the time at the Buttermilk Falls<sup>1</sup> upon North River above the [one or more indecipherable words, they look like "chevaus defrise"]<sup>2</sup> some miles & one mile above Fort Montgomery -- formally Picket No. 1. This declarant was then marched against Stony Point which was stormed [July 16, 1779] at the point of the bayonet. The countersign was "the Forts of Rome"<sup>3</sup> Soon after

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<sup>1</sup> These falls today are known as Highland Falls and are located near West Point.

<sup>2</sup> *chevaus defrise*

<sup>3</sup> *"The Forts of Rome"*

Thanks to Scott Miskimon who points out that the countersign really was "the fort's our own." It is this kind of information and correction of posted transcriptions that will make this database a lot more useful.

this Captain Cradick's company joined the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina line to which it originally belonged which was ordered to the South and marched to Philadelphia at which place it was intended the troops should sail for Charleston, but owing to a severe freeze they were compelled to proceed by land, on their way this declarant was taken sick and left at a Doctor Nesbits or Leobits between Dumfries & Coalchester [sic, Colchester] in the State of Virginia.

The Regiment having continued their march to Charleston South Carolina were soon after either killed or taken prisoner [presumably at the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780] -- on declarant's recovering his health -- he proceeded on to the South to join his Regiment but understanding the situation of the Army to which he properly belonged, he attached himself to the light horse under Colonel Washington [William Washington] at Georgetown and assisted in serving the Public property -- he next was under Colonel Sowell [probably Col. Benjamin Seawell] at Cross Creek, from thence to Ramsay's Mills where the troops joined those under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], soon after they formed a Junction with the troops under General Gates [Horatio Gates] and marched to Camden, at which place the Army was defeated [August 15-16, 1780] -- after the defeat declarant continued in service attached to the militia -- in Colonel Caswell's Regiment under General Caswell until the close of the war. Declarant never received a discharge owing to his never having joined his Regiment or company. That the terms of service so well as he can calculate is four years. That he was born in North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County Virginia and never returned after the war. Resided in North Carolina a few years and then removed to this State forty years ago. That he has no record of his age but has always dated his birth from the 3rd of March 1761. That declarant is known to Levi Bush a clergyman and Levi Harrell who reside in the neighborhood of declarant and the said Parkerson does hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Parkerson, X his mark

S/ James Polhill, Judge

[Levi Bush, a clergyman, and Levi Harrell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: in June 1843 is stated that the veteran had died leaving a widow and children but no information is given regarding any of them.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jacob Parkerson a private in the 10th Regiment for the War, was transferred from the Virginia Line on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1779.

Given under my hand this 8th day of November 1836.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War that John

Linch<sup>4</sup> a Sergeant in Captain Gee's Company of the 2nd Regiment enlisted in 1777 for 3 years, was a private in February 1778, transferred first July 1779 to the 2nd Virginia Regiment.

Given under my hand this 8th November 1836

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>4</sup> No one by this name filed for a federal pension for services rendered in the Revolution.