

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Park S32428

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State of Illinois, County of Edwards} SS

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1834, Personally appeared in open Court (said Court being a Court of Record) before the Circuit Court of said County, Samuel Park a resident of Clay County and State aforesaid, aged 72 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 under the following named officers and served as herein states, to wit: That he entered the service in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 or 1780 in the Fall, as a volunteer, under Capt. James Dugan [sic, probably Thomas Duggin] and served in the Militia under the following named Officers: Genl. Andrew Pickens, Col. Joseph Hays [sic, Joseph Hayes] and Garret Smith, Major. He entered the service in District ninety six (since Newberry County) South Carolina. He commenced his march from here to Youngs where he had a skirmish and from there to the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] where he fought under the command of Gen. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] against the British under Col. Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton]; from the Cowpens towards Guilford at Hawe [sic, Haw] River had another skirmish with the Tories; from Haw River to Hart's Mill, both in North Carolina, where he had another skirmish; from thence returned towards South Carolina. In District ninety six he had another skirmish and the first Capt. James Dugan was killed and James Virgin [sic, probably John Verdin] took his place as Captain, Scouting round through South Carolina principally between Saluda River and Inoree [sic, Enoree River]; that he continued in service a short period over two years and left the service in the Fall of 1781 or 1782. He was Born A.D. 1762 on Roanoke River Virginia, County not recollected. That he has no record of his age, it is where my Father lived in Alabama. That he lived in District ninety six when he entered the US Army, after he left the Army he removed to Christian County Kentucky lived there 15 or 16 years, thence to Indiana, Posey County and lived there 20 years. Thence to Illinois, Clay County where he has resided ever since. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person who can testify to his services. That he received no regular discharge. He hereby relinquishes all claims 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. That he applies to this Edwards Circuit Court because no Court was holden in the County where he resides at its last usual session.

S/ Samuel Park, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Walter L. Mays, Clk. Edwards Cir. Court

[Charles P. Burns and Elias Jordan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[at the bottom of the first page of this application, the following appears:

“That Capt. Elias Jordon & Charles P. Burns Esqr. Are persons to whom I am Known.”]

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State of Illinois Clay County } SS

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County Samuel Park who being duly sworn, deposeth and 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 period of two years and one month as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1834

S/ David D Duff, JP

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State of Illinois County of \_\_ } SS

On this 26 day of August A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Clay County being a court of record Samuel Park a resident of the County of Clay & State of Illinois aged 72 years & 6 months, 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, to wit that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain James Dugan in the autumn of 1780 month of October and served in the militia under the following named officers General Andrew Pickens (the Militia General) Colonel Joseph Hays [sic, Hayes], Major Garret Smith Captain James Dugan & Thomas Starks 1st Lieutenant. He entered the service in District Ninety Six South Carolina (since Newberry County) he commenced his march from this to Young's where a body of Tories had rendezvoused. General Pickens Colonel Hayes and Colonel Washington [William Washington] with his horse troops met near Pacolet Shoals joined each other and proceeded to Young's and dispersed the Tories aforesaid. From Young's we who were under the command of General Pickens continued to scour the Country in quest of the Tories for the space of 2 or 3 months -- when we joined General Morgan bracket Daniel Morgan] at the Shoals on Pacolet River and marched directly on towards the Cowpens which was distant about 60 miles, arrived at the Cowpens about dusk in the evening and the next morning about sunrise, we were attacked by the troops under the command of Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] and the bloody battle in which our troops proved the Tories Colonel Tarleton marched from the Cowpens in the direction of Winnsborough, where he joined Lord Cornwallis. General Morgan and General Pickens marched in the direction of Guilford Court House. The command of Pickens being in the rear was attacked by Cornwallis & Tarleton on Haw River and being unable to withstand them, could do nothing more than impede their marches until General Morgan escaped with their prisoners and Lord Cornwallis proceeded on and had the battle with General Greene at Guilford Court house at which time General Pickens and his troops were within 4 or 5 miles of the battleground: but were not able to join General Greene in the engagement. After this battle Lord Cornwallis marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina and General Pickens pursued after him and annoyed him by falling upon small parties that might be detached from the Main Army and after remaining a

few days in the neighborhood of Hillsboro he was returned to South Carolina where Captain Dugan was killed by the Tories the spring following the battle of the Cowpens in a few days afterwards John Virgin [John Verdin] was elected Captain in his stead and James Stark and Arthur McCracken were elected 1st and 2nd lieutenants, they proceeded to scour the Country in search of Tories between the rivers Saluda and Enoree in the State of South Carolina. They made several attempts to storm the Fort Ninety Six but each attempt was unsuccessful. When he entered the service nothing more is said as to the length of time he was to serve, but it was a time of great trouble when every man had to bear arms who was able, he served for the space of 2 years and as well as he recollects a little upwards, and it was 18 months before he ever went home at all and then remained there but a few hours he was all the while under the command of General Pickens and disbanded by him late in the fall of 1782. The whole service was performed in the States of North and South Carolina and the whole service was regarded as one continued tour for the men would not dare to return to their homes for fear of the Tories and therefore remained embodied and engaged in scouting and annoying the Tories during the aforesaid term and he was not during that time employed in any Civil pursuit. He was born on Roanoke River in Virginia in the year A.D. 1762. He has no record of his age it was left with his Father in Alabama. He lived in District Ninety Six South Carolina when called into the service after he left the Army he removed to Christian County Kentucky lived there 15 or 16 years thence to Posey County Indiana lived there 20 years, thence to Clay County Illinois where he has resided ever since. He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer. He recollects General Morgan, Colonel Washington with his Corps of Dragoons the general circumstances of the service are previously stated there was a Continental Regiment under the command of Colonel Howard at the Cowpens, and also John Thomas a militia Colonel and Captain Farris. He never received a regular discharge from the service. He would name William Erwin and Solomon Kirbo as persons to whom he is known and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatsoever 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 in the union.

S/ Samuel Park, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Caleb Ridgeway, Clerk

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The Amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

State of Illinois County of Edwards } SS

On the 14th day of March A.D. 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid said Circuit Court being a Court of record Samuel Park, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make this his further declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in addition to the facts heretofore stated, he would further state that he recollects that the engagement which was had with the Tories (Colonel Washington commanding) was 2 or 3 months after we entered the service, and that he distinctly recollects of being under the immediate command of General Pickens at the Cowpens and that the battle was fought on the 17th day of January 1781 commencing about sunrise and continuing two or three hours, after which Colonel Tarleton fled and Colonel Washington pursued him for several miles in hot pursuit. This battle was fought

between 3 and 4 months after entering the service. He further states that he continued in the service during that winter and that in the spring he was with him before or 5 miles of Guilford Court house when General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Lord Cornwallis had the battle player as he thinks in the month of March of that year 1781, but General Pickens and his men were not in that battle. And he would further state that he was constantly in service and under arms from necessity -- as it was unsafe to be at home during that term. He would further state that his service might have been considered by the officers as embracing different periods of service but he regarded it as one entire service although he was sometimes with the regular Army and sometimes in company with detached scouting parties of General Pickens command, but from length of time he cannot state positively the time employed in each expedition. He further shows that since his making the former declaration he has removed into Edwards County where he now resides. He would also state that he reconnoitered that section of Country contiguous to the Saluda River and was often in the vicinity of Fort Ninety Six and it became necessary when Colonel Tarleton's detachment was sent there to aid in defending the County. He further states that so long a period of time has intervened since the service that many of the minor incidents have faded from his memory, and it is owing to this cause and also the residue of the service was not so important that he cannot detail so many facts as might be satisfactory to the department and he cannot insist therefore upon receiving a pension for a longer period than the facts show him entitled to, but he hopes that he may receive a certificate for so much time as the facts disclosed prove for him to have served. He would name Charles P. Burns & William Prescott as persons to whom he is known and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatsoever 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 in the union.

S/ Samuel Park, X his mark

Attest:

S/ A. C. Feinch

[Charles P. Burns and William Prescott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned initially at the rate of \$20 per annum subsequently increased to \$69.30 per annum commencing June 4, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months and 19 days in the South Carolina militia.]