

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Parker S3638

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State of Tennessee County of Stewart } SS

On this twenty sixth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before James C. Mitchell the Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of the fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee including the County of Stewart now sitting, Peter Parker, a resident of the State of Tennessee and County of Stewart, aged Seventy-Five 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 7th 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was drafted in Chowan County North Carolina, I think, in April or May 1776, under General Ash [sic, John Ashe], Colonel Peter Dozier, alias Peter Dauge, and a Major Wynn [George Wynns], ___ Galye was elected Captain; but for some cause was soon removed and Hill [Aaron Hill] was made Captain in his stead, Simon Stallings was Lieutenant -- we were mustered into service in Edenton North Carolina and marched to Wilmington the company to which I belonged was sent to Brunswick, a short distance, as a guard, and while at Brunswick, Captain Hill was tried by a court-martial on the charge of taking glass from the windows of houses which had been deserted in Brunswick on the approach of the British, found guilty and broke of his commission -- Lieutenant Stallings took his place -- Ensign William Walton -- during our time at Brunswick, one hundred regulars or more, mutinied and determined to go home; but were prevented by one hundred Militia volunteers, of which number I was one, under Major Davis, our Adjutant -- I was drafted for and served three months -- was in no engagement and was discharged at Wilmington North Carolina

I was drafted a second time at Edenton North Carolina, I think in January, the year I do not recollect, under Captain Joseph Whidbey or Whitby [Joseph Whidby], the company was not full -- Captain James Howett of Terrell County came up with part of the company -- the fractions of Whidby's or Whitbey's and Howett's [Joseph Howett's] companies were thrown together -- Howett became Captain and Whidby Lieutenant of the amalgamated companies -- John Bond was Ensign -- we were marched to a place then called the North West Bridge in Virginia -- Isaac Gregory General, Colonel Peter Dauge, and Major Ferby -- we were called twice or oftener to Edmund's Hill -- while at Edmund's Hill, the Regular troops commanded by Colonel Parker took, at the Great Bridge near Norfolk Virginia, a boat in which was a trunk and in the trunk, a letter from General Gregory to the British commander, saying where General Gregory and the American troops were and informing him that they could be easily taken -- Colonel Parker assumed the command and ordered the Militia back to North West Bridge -- I do not know what became of the case of General Gregory afterwards -- during this campaign 6 or 8 men left camp and went home they were brought back, tried by a court-martial, and punished. I was drafted for

three months: but served four months and was discharged at the North West Bridge.

I was drafted a third time for three months, at Edenton North Carolina, the time I do not remember was mustered into service but peace was proclaimed in the Army discharged without marching out -- Colonel James Blount of Chowan County was with the troops the time I went from Chowan County North Carolina --

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Chowan County North Carolina on the 19th May 1757

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

I have no record of my age in this country -- my age was recorded in my father's Bible and is in Chowan County North Carolina

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in Chowan County North Carolina when called into service -- I have only lived in Sumner County Tennessee except a few months in Wilson County Tennessee until I moved to Stewart County Tennessee in 1826 and I still lived in Stewart County Tennessee --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I was drafted on each occasion -- I never substituted --

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.

The Regulars at Wilmington were commanded by General Moore -- Colonel Parker was said to have the command of 1500 Regulars at or near the North West Bridge in Virginia and Griffin Doudge was Adjutant at that place -- I know the names of no other officers except those I have named and the general circumstances of my Services, I have already stated --

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

For the 1st campaign I was discharged by Lieutenant Stallings -- for the 2nd by Captain Howett & the 3rd time the troops were disbanded -- all my discharges are lost --

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.

For character for veracity &c I refer to ___ and ___.

I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service in the Revolutionary war -- I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court

S/ Jno H. Clements, Clerk

S/ Peter Parker

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Parker", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[William B. Cherry and Lemuel Cherry gave the standard supporting affidavit]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]