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Pension Application of Abraham Parker S3640

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State of Tennessee Maury County

Circuit Court, December Term 1825

On this 3rd day of January 1826 personally appear'd in open court, being a court now sitting (& being a court of record for said county so made by an act of the General assembly of the State of Tennessee) Abraham Parker of said county of Maury Farmer one year a resident of said county having removed from Orange County N. Carolina, where he lived from the time he was Ten years old, except when in service as hereafter mention'd, who is aged sixty three years last October, and who being first duly sworn according to law does on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, he served eighteen months in James Rodes (or Rhodes or Roads') [James Rhodes's] company in the 3rd Regiment command by Col. Arch. Little [sic: Archibald Lytle] in the North Carolina line of foot soldiers or infantry part of the continental line in that time serv'd at Charleston – was dismiss'd at the 10 mile house in July – before this he serv'd two tours of 3 months each in the North Carolina Militia, in said service, the first time under Capt Wm. Wharton or Horton [William Horton] in Col. Ramsays Regiment as well as he recollects in this tour he was in the battle at Gates' defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], the next 3 month tour he was in Shadrach Hargus' [sic: Shadrack Hargis's] company he was highest officer & in this tour, they were station'd at Hillsborough [NC] in a garrison for the Town to guard the Town a gainst the tories, & keep safe the tory prisoners there the years these services were perform'd his memory does not enable him to state, but the facts stated will enable that to be ascertain'd. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, nor have I ever receiv'd either pay for my services or any pension from the U. States or any State

Schedule

No real estate, living on rented land, 4 head of horses, 1 Waggon & gear, one cow & yearling not paid for, 1 sow & 8 shoats not paid for. 3 plows. 3 axes, 4 hoes. 1 mattock 2 sprouting hoes. he is by occupation a tiller of the ground, not well able to work & can & does work when in health reasonably for a man of his age, but casually afflicted with sickness, has a wife bedridden for five years with very little exception, has lost by death in 1825 his only children that liv'd with him a son Jack that drove the waggon & a daughter a widow, that had five children, which on her death, she left on his hands living with him the oldest 15 years old a boy nam'd Jackey from that down to 7 years old all sickly and a burthen on his hands.

Abraham hisXmark Parker

[The court valued Parker's property at \$314. On 9 May 1826 James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, informed Parker's agent that his application for a pension had been denied because he owned too much property.]

Maury County State of Tennessee

Circuit Court June Term 1827

On this 21st day of June 1827, personally appeared in open Court, which is a court of Record by the laws of this State Abraham Parker, resident in said county & aged 64 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the first of May 1820; That he the said Abraham Parker

was drafted or enlisted for the term of eighteen Months, on the 20th day of August 1782 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by captain James Rhoades in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle in the line of the State of North Carolina on the North Carolina Continental establishment; that he continued to served in the said Corps until 5th of July in the year 1783 when he was discharged from the service at the ten mile house near Charleston in the State of South Carolina, which was a short time before the said term of service was expired; That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present – That his name is not on the roll of any state but that of Tennessee; & that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension to wit That his circumstances were as [illegible word] easy I did not require it until he moved to this State, which was upwards of two years ago, After which time, on account of sickness in his family, which almost utterly consumed his property; That he did apply at the December term 1825, as well as he recollects, & in it made his declaration, which was sent on to the War department & the Answer of J L Edwards to Gill Martin Clerk of said Court bearing date 9th May 1825 was received, stating that the amount & value of Petitioners property was too great, in consequence of which, he was not entitled to a pension, which said property has been reduced in the manner & to the amount herein below stated.

Abraham hisXmark Parker

and in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, since that time, by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled, An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War; passed on the 18th day of March 1818; & that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, & by me subscribed

Abraham hisXmark Parker

Schedule of property

one sow, four shoats & three pigs supposed to be worth.	7.75
three sprouting hoes four weeding hoes & a cross-cut saw.	15.00
Knives – forks – plates, pails &c.	5.00
one trunk.	3.00
one pair trace chains.	1.50
one oven & pot.	3.00
One Looking glass.	<u>1.50</u>
	36.75

Abraham hisXmark Parker

He further states that he has no trade; His family consists of five Grand children & himself; The oldest is named Jack Oakley aged sixteen years – the Next is Ginsey, a sister in her fourteenth or fifteenth year of age. The next a brother called Upton aged about twelve years – William H a brother aged ten years – The next a brother Fielden Oakley aged about eight years – In the year 1818 March 18th he was the owner of several hundred acres of land in the State of North Carolina, which he afterwards sold for something over two dollars per acre – He had no negroes: but some stock of different kinds, a considerable portion of which he lost by distemper [distemper] in said last State.

Since his last application for a pension which is above alluded to & which was refused him on account of the value of his property at that time, he has had his property reduced down by the payment of Physicians for attending upon his family when sick to the amount stated in the Schedule with the exception of bedding & wairing apparel; the payment of one hundred ten dollars to Mr Crossly in satisfaction of a debt which came against him from the State of North Carolina, to Mr Crossly a waggon at one hundred dollars, which he owed said Crossly for articles for his family when sick & other a few articles of little value of clothing, & notes which he had given for pork, & Leather & waggoning & plough which notes said Crossly bought up. He has paid to Physicians near one hundred dollars, & owes yet to Physicians something but how much he does not know. He owes said Crossly about \$18 for corn, for which he has

sued & recovered judgement. His property in one or more instances was sold to satisfy physicians at execution sale & sacrificed his property thereby – Abraham hisXmark Parker

State of Tennessee }
Maury County }

Personally appeared before me James Walker Esqr. an acting justice of the peace in and for said county of maury, Abraham Parker who makes oath, that he enlisted in the regular service of the United States, in the State of North Carolina in the twentieth day of August in the year 1782, in the company and regiment set forth in his declaration heretofore filed for a pension, & that he continued to serve in the said corps untill the fifth day of July in the year 1783 when he was discharged at place referred to in his aforesaid declaration
Abraham hisXmark Parker
Sworn to, and subscribed before me this 20th of Feb. 1830

ABRAHAM PARKER.
DECEMBER 21, 1831.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions [of the House of Representatives], made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Parker, report:

That his services in the army of the revolution are clearly proved, and justly entitle him to a pension. He has failed in succeeding at the department on account of the amount of his property, which appears from the letter of Mr. Edwards, under date of May 9, 1826, to have been \$314 00. The petitioner is now old, has an infirm wife, and several other persons dependant upon him for support.

In the opinion of the committee, the petitioner ought to be placed on the list, and they report a bill.

State of Tennessee } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Maury County } Sept. Term 1832

On this the 12th day of Sept. 1832. personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for said County, now sitting, Abraham Parker, a resident of Maury County, State of Tennessee, aged sixty eight on the 3rd of October 1832, 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 & served as herein stated

On the 7th of June 1780 he was drafted and entered the service for three months, being then a citizen in Orange County North Carolina, under Capt. William Rhea [William Ray], and Lieutenant Wm Horton, marched from Hillsboro to Fayetteville, at which place William Horton was made Captain in place of Wm Rhea who resigned, – Col. Stephen Moore and Col. John Ramsay. – From Fayetteville he went under the above named officers to the Cheraw Hills [SC], and from the Cheraw Hills he went to Rugeley's Mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill about 12 mi N of Camden], and having laid there a few days he set out in order to surprise the enemy at Camden, having met with General Gates and his army of regulars, and continued under General Gates until his defeat on the 15th and 16th of August 1780 – he returned to Hillsboro in North Carolina, and remained until the three months for which he was drafted, expired, the above named officers continuing to command. This ended the first tour in which he served.

On the 11th of June 1781, he was drafted a second time, conducted to Hillsboro N. C. and placed there as a guard to prevent the Tories from rescuing a large number of prisoners confined in the Hillsboro jail, – he remained there on duty for three months, the term for which he was drafted. His Captain was Shadrack Hargus, and Lieutenant Wm. Rutherford [William Rutherford]. No other officers.

On the 20th of August 1782 he rendezvoused at Hillsboro, N. C. and from there marched to Salisbury N.C. under Lieutenant Winn Dixon [Wynne Dixon], at which place he joined the regular

Army. After remaining there about two weeks he marched under Capt. Elijah Moore, to Ashly [sic: Ashley] River at Bacon's Bridge [near old Dorchester SC], and from there to Ashly Hill, and from there he marched on the 1st of January 1783 to James Island. His officers were then Capt. James Rhodes, Col. Archibald Lytle, and Genl. Bull (who was then in Charleston) – From there on the 1st day of July 1783 he marched with the above named officers, to the Ten Mile House, and there on the 5th day of July 1783, he received his furlough until further orders. He reached home on the 19th of July 1783. He entered the service on this last named tour for eighteen months, and served from the 20th of August 1782 until the 5th of July 1783, at which time he received his furlough, and after that time was not again called with the service. His furlough he has long since lost. He knows of no person by whom he can prove the above named services in detail.

He was born near Edenton in North Carolina on the 3rd of October 1764. He has no record of his age, but has kept his age from the fact that his parents were qualified as to his age in the year 1779, at which time they deposed that he was fifteen years of age on the 3rd of October 1779. He was living in Orange County when called into the Service, and there resided until about the year 1826 when he removed to Maury County in Tennessee where he has remained until this time. He states that ~~John B. Hamilton~~ can testify as to his Character for veracity, and the belief as to his services as 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 the on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. –

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid Abraham hisXmark Parker

NOTES:

The file includes receipts for medical and other bills.

On 3 jan 1833 Parker was issued a certificate for a pension of \$46.66 per year for 14 months service.