

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Parnell S38283

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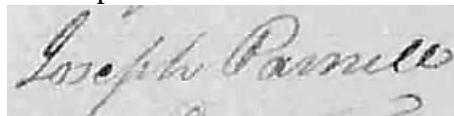
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State of Virginia Isle of Wight County SS

I Joseph Parnell a Citizen of the County and State aforesaid do declare under oath that I entered into the service of the United States in the land service and army thereof on or about the 13th of February 17__ in the County & State above mentioned in the 4th Virginia Regiment, Virginia State lines, in the company commanded by Captain Arthur Smith, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson. That I entered as a private and continued in the land service of the United States in the revolutionary war for 2 years at which period I was discharged at the Valley Forge – viz. on the __ day of __ A.D. 17__ – I further declare under oath that I have lost my discharge; I here referred to and pray that they may be taken as a part of this declaration, the affidavits of Thomas Bowden & Samuel McCoy to prove my service as a private for the term or period of 2 years in the land service of the United States in the revolutionary War – I further declare that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my Country for support. I further declare under oath that no pension has heretofore been allowed me by the laws of the United States.

S/ Joseph Parnell



¹The affidavit of Thomas Bowden of Isle of Wight County sworn in court to give evidence relative to Joseph Parnell's entering the service of the United States of America in the revolutionary War – States that he the affiant entered the service of the United States of America on the 20th day of February 1776 in the 4th Virginia Regiment, in the company commanded by Captain Arthur Smith, and served therein until the 15th day of February 1778 when he was discharged. That the said Joseph Parnell entered the service of the United States as a private in the land service in the revolutionary War, to wit, in the 4th Virginia Regiment in the above mentioned company about the same time that this affiant entered the service and continued till the 15th day of February 1778 when he was honorably discharged & further this deponent saith not –

¹ I could not find that the veteran by this name filed for a federal pension for service during the revolutionary war. Consequently, this may be the only evidence in the federal files of his service. There are documents in the Virginia State Library relating to a Thomas Bowden who served in the 4th Virginia Regiment, but unfortunately the digital images of those documents posted online are largely illegible and cannot be transcribed to any meaningful extent. If interested see [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#), under Bowden, Thomas.

Whereupon the foregoing declaration being sworn to, and the court being satisfied from the affidavit of Thomas Bowden together with the declaration upon oath, that the said Joseph Parnell did serve in the United States Army and land service in the revolutionary war, and that he is in such reduced circumstances as to stand in need of assistance for a his support – it is ordered that the same be certified to the period of War.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name and caused the seal of my County to be affixed this 31st day of July 1818

Nathaniel Young, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 6, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

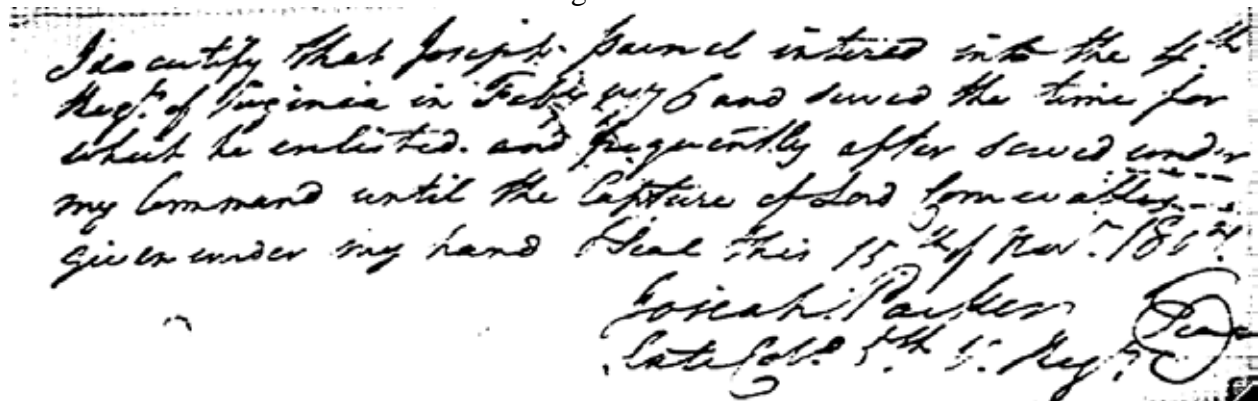
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: found in the records relating to John Montgomery]

I do Certify that Joseph Parnell entered into the 4th Regiment of Virginia in February 1776 and served the time for which he enlisted and frequently after served under my Command until the capture of Lord Cornwallis.

Given under my hand & Seal this 15th of November 1807

S/ Josiah Parker
late Colonel 5th V. Regt.



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