

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Parker S38288

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Alexander Parker, aged 68 years, & residing in Spotsylvania County, State of Virginia, being duly sworn states, that in 1776 he enlisted as a Sergeant in Captain Oliver Towles's Company on Continental establishment in the Regiment commanded by Mordecai Buckner as Colonel. On the 28th of June 1776 he received a commission as quarter master to the 6th Battalion of the Virginia forces, signed by John Hancock President of Congress & hereto annexed. That in the same year he marched to the North, with the Brigade commanded by George Weeden [George Weedon]. Being taken sick in October 1776, he was furloughed & joined the Army in March 1777 with which he continued till November in the same year. He was afterwards attached to the Commissary Department of the Continental Line & remained in such service till after the surrender in Charleston in 1779 [sic, May 12, 1780].

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He left the Army about the [year] 1779.

He states from his age & diminished circumstances that he stands in need of the public's aid.

Signed A. Parker



Virginia Court

I William A. S. Dade a Judge of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia do certify that Alexander Parker whose name is subscribed to the Declaration contained on the opposite half sheet made oath to the truth of the allegations therein set forth before me on this 24th of April 1818 – given under my hand & seal the day & year above written.

S/ Wm A. S. Dade

State of Virginia

At a Superior Court of Law held in the County of Culpeper the 4th day of September 1826

On this 4th day of September 1826 personally appeared in open court the Superior Court of Law of Culpeper County being a Court of Record, having power to fine and imprison, and having unlimited jurisdiction in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings, Alexander Parker resident in said County aged seventy-six 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 of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820. That he the said Parker enlisted in the Army in January 1776 for two years in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Oliver Towles in the 6th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner on the Continental establishment. In the spring of same year he was appointed Quarter master to serve Regiment in which office he continued till the latter part of the summer 1777 when he was appointed commissary to General Green's division, General Knox's Rank [? Regiment?] of artillery and General Washington's family where he continued till November or December following. Then at the request of the Commissary General he was sent to Charleston in Carolina to take charge of the Commissary's stores at that place, but before he got there he was informed that the place was invested by the British, after which he acted in different capacities till the close of the war such as commissary, Press master &c – He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present, that his name has been placed on the Pension list in the year ___ and he received his pension for two or three quarters he believes but two – he does not know what the number of his Pension Certificate was having lost it – His Commission was sent to the war office when he first made application with other papers as proof of the above, and detained there a reference to which will more fully sustained this declaration. He never exhibited a Schedule of his property before because he saw in the papers and was otherwise informed that a number were rejected whose property was much less than his, and he thought it needless to procure he is.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed viz. the interest of \$134 during life which is secured to his satisfaction some 60 or \$70 as [indecipherable word] due to him. – He further deposes that he is indebted to double the amount of the money so due to him. That he has raised fourteen children, thirteen of whom he supposes to be living most of them have large families, and one in indigent circumstances. He has a wife upwards of seventy years of age and a single daughter a weak and delicate woman. None of his children are living with him indeed since November last he has lived with a friend Mr. William Robertson of this County, and without this assistance he must continue to do so or beg as he has lost the sight of one eye and sees imperfectly with the other, and his hearing is very bad – He has no occupation or profession yielding him a revenue of any [paper damaged, text illegible]. Since the 18th March 1818 all the property he possessed was conveyed by Deed of trust to secure a debt due to John Chew and has been sold for the purpose of discharging it. The debt was due for rent for which a distress had been levied and a replevy [one or more indecipherable words].

S/ A. Parker

I have examined the will of Charles Smith of the Parish of Saint Martin, County of Louisa, Virginia in reference to the effect of the demise of the residue of his estate, real & personal, to John Hawkins, in trust for his son William & his daughters Ann & Sarah, the last of whom intermarried with the within named Alexander Parker – and it is said, became entitled, in virtue of the said demise, to certain slaves, constituting a part of the said residue. His clear, beyond any

doubt or question, that this demise vested in Mrs. Parker, only a useful the life in these slaves, – remainder, at her death, to her children: and that neither she nor her husband can disposed of the same or claim any interest in the same except the use for her life.

S/ W. Jones, Sept. 24, 1826

[f p. 43]

I Major Benjamin Alsop¹ of Spotsylvania County formally a Sergeant in the 6th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner, do hereby certify that Alexander Parker enlisted under Captain Oliver Towles in the fall or winter 1775 – 6 – as first Sergeant in said company, belonging to the Regiment aforesaid, That sometime in the spring following the said Parker was appointed Quarter Master to the said Regiment, and marched with the Regiment to head Quarters in 1776, that sometime in the summer of 1777 he was appointed Commissary to General Washington's family, General Green's Division & General Knox's Park of artillery, where he continued till the winter following.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November 1828.

S/ Benj. Alsop

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benj. Alsop". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Benj. Alsop".

Fredericksburg Virginia 16th December 1854

Honored Sir

My aunt Maria Parker has been advised by her friends to make application to the Pension Department and ascertain if there is any probability of recovering anything in the way of claims due her father Alexander Parker quarter master in the Revolutionary War from Spotsylvania County Virginia. From what I can learn from my In her father did receive his quarter lead use for some time from Pension Office, but was stopped for some cause before his death with the understanding (as her father told her) that it would be good someday but it has always been neglected. You will doubtless see by consulting the role my Grandfather's name Alexander Parker Quarter Master &c. My Aunt has a certificate of that fact from Mr. Calhoun then Commissioner of Pensions [sic, this apparently is a mistaken reference to John C Calhoun, who was the Secretary of War in 1818 when this veteran originally applied for his pension].

Please write me on the receipt of this, if there is any probability of success. There have been several who volunteered their services to attend to the business for my Aunt, charging one third of the amount for collecting so I thought I would learn from you all that was necessary to act myself.

Yours Very Respectfully

Henry M Wiatt

There are other papers in the possession of my Aunt which may prove something. I did not mention any other heirs with my Aunt, she has I think 2 brothers & Two Sisters living yet.

Virginia

At a Court held for the Corporation of Fredericksburg on the 13th day of February 1851

¹ [Benjamin Alsop S9269](#)

Satisfactory evidence was presented in court to show that Captain Alexander Parker, deceased, of the County of Spotsylvania, was by reputation an Officer in the Continental line of service in the Revolutionary War as Captain and Quarter Master, and received a pension under the Act of Congress of March 18th, 1818, at the rate of \$240 per annum, him continued to receive until the time of his death, the 10th day of May 1831, except from a period during which it was suspended, and afterwards deceased, leaving no widow, but eleven children, to wit, Alexander, Lucy, Penny [Jenny?]², Sally, Nancy, Mary, Huldah, George S., Winslow, Elizabeth and Maria of whom Alexander, Sally, Nancy and Huldah have since died, the first named leaving no children, but one Grandchild, and the others, all leaving children but their names not known – The evidence before the Court, upon which it feels authorized to give the above Certificate is the Certificate of Colonel William Davis of the Revolutionary War and the Certificate of Robert Johnson, Auditor of Virginia, and William H Richardson, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and oral evidence produced in Court.

I John James Chew Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify the foregoing is a true transcript from the Records of the said Court – etc.

S/ J. P. Chew, Clerk

[f p. 18: the original of the commission granted the veteran as quarter master to the 6th Va. Battalion—dated Williamsburg June 28, 1776 and signed by John Hancock President.]

[f p. 20: On January 29, 1853 in Fayette County Kentucky, Jane H Jenkins, filed an affidavit stating that her maiden name was Jane H Parker a daughter of Alexander Parker of Louisa County Virginia who was an officer in the Virginia Continental line; that she believes her father was owed pension money at the time of his death and she authorizes her attorney, Joseph B Stewart to pursue her claim. I believe that it is possible this is not a descendent of the Alexander Parker who served as a quarter master and whose children are named as set forth above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 24, 1818, for service as a quarter master in the Virginia Continental line.]

J. P. Chew