

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Parsons S40239

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Cumberland County State of Pennsylvania: SS

On this 22nd day of June A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared James Parsons aged sixty-six years resident in Buffalo Township Cumberland County, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provision may by the late 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" That he the said James Parsons enlisted at Accomack Courthouse in Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Palmer in the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Fleming & Lieutenant Colonel Mathews in the year 1776 for 18 months, that he served as a fifer during the term for which he was enlisted in the said company and Regiment when he was discharged, at the Valley Forge in Chester County, in Pennsylvania, and he then enlisted again to drive the wagons under Braxton Eastham for six months, and continued in the service of the United States as a wagon driver until the year 1780 when he received a discharge from service at Christian Bridge in Maryland. That he was in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], that he lost his discharge by some means or other after he returned home he cannot tell how, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services –

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Handel

S/ James Parsons



Buffaloe Township January 27th 1820

Honorable Andrew Boden,¹ Eqr.

Dear [Sir] I am about to trouble you with a few lines thinking perhaps my Business might [indecipherable word] your Memory. I would be glad to know what can be done Respecting my

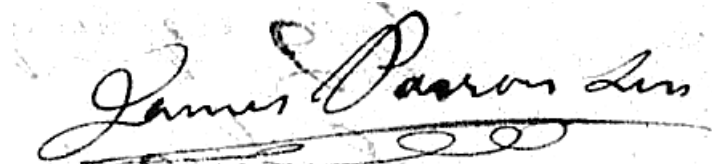
¹ BODEN, Andrew, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., birth date unknown; attended the public schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; also engaged in the real estate business; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth Congress and reelected to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1821); resumed the practice of law; died in Carlisle, Pa., December 20, 1835.
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petition or whether you have found any of the Records of the Virginia Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg or the 9th Regiment of which Commanded by Colonel Mathews and my Captain Thomas Palmer and afterwards transferred to the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Parker, and if none of such Records can be found I would be glad to know if it would be of any use to apply by Petition from the State of Virginia and whatever Information and I [text obliterated] [indecipherable word] you can give me on the subject you will add to the Many Obligations I am under to you by giving the same to me through the mail directed to Thompson's Post office as soon as may be convenient.

I am with the Highest Respect

Your Obedient

James Parsons Snr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Parsons Snr." The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 22, 1818, for service as a fifer for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]