

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Lewis Parrott S45897

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Virginia, to wit;

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County, Lewis Parrott a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 77 years who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. This applicant states that about the year 1778 or 79 [sic: see note below] he served in the Militia under the command of Capt [Paul] Watlington amarching to Hillsborough and was the under Gen'l Green & Colo Green. From thence crossing Haw River and from thence to Pedee river [sic: Pee Dee River] at Massies' [or Mask's] ferry and was detailed to collect beeves for the use of the Army until Genl [Horatio] Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] then returned to Hillsborough and from thence commenced his march to the New Gardens [New Garden W of present Greensboro NC] in Guilford, but his tour of duty expired before he got there, and received a discharge for a tour of three months. That about the time Genl Green pursued the british from Halifax County to Guilford [sic: see note below] in the year 1781 he volunteered under Capt Bird Wall [Byrd Wall] joined Genl Green's army the South side of Dan River, at a place called Wiley's old race paths, and from there crossed Haw river at the Highrock ford [High Rock Ford in present Rockingham County], and after a reinforcement from Mecklenburg by Colo [Robert] Munford, marched to Guilford, and was in an engagement, that after the battle at Guilford, returned to the Ironworks [on Troublesome Creek in present Rockingham County], and from thence down Deep River to Ramsey's Mills [in Chatham County], and was discharged after serving a tour of three months, making six months of his service as Soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he was born in Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia the 4<sup>th</sup> March in the year of our Lord 1755 according to his fathers Register. that he has no documentary evidence of his Services~ that he lived in Halifax County State of Virginia until the close of the War, then became a resident of North Carolina until with in three years he became a resident of Halifax County and is now a resident of the Same. That he had but little knowledge of the regular Officers and Soldiers that he knows of no person at this time living, by whom he can prove his services. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State

Lewis Parrott

NOTE: Parrott's deposition is incorrect with regard to the year of his first tour, but also the field officers. The Virginia Militia was commanded by General Edward Stevens, and the Halifax County Militia belonged to the regiment commanded by Colonel George Stubblefield. The description of the second tour incorrectly characterizes Gen. Nathanael Greene's movement from Halifax County VA to Guilford County NC as pursuit of the British. In fact, Cornwallis had pursued Green into Virginia on 14 Feb 1781, and the two armies maneuvered and skirmished until the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on 15 Mar.