

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Parker S46062

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State of Kentucky County of Hardin: SS

On this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Paul J Booker, Commonwealth's Circuit Judge, now sitting, Benjamin Parker aged 73 on the 27th of last February – 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 7th, 1832. –

That he entered the services of the United States under the named Officers and served as herein stated.

In the last of August 1777 he entered as Volunteer in the County of Fauquier and state of Virginia and a body consisting of two Captains' Companies – under the command of Colonel Churchill [Armistead Churchill] and Colonel Brooks – about the 1st of September following he started from Fauquier County and marched through Lee's [word obliterated] Fredericks Town then through Little York and then to Lancaster – Benjamin Harrison was the Captain of the company. We remained in Lancaster several days when we had orders to march to Philadelphia – we started from Lancaster under same officers – and marched own towards Philadelphia – we got to Head Quarters the day after the battle was fought at Germantown [October 4th, 1777] where we joined the Army under the command of General Washington – Then we moved with the whole Army to the White Plains where we remained until the last of November following when we were discharged – he served three months on this first tour –

He states it in the first of April 1781 – he was drafted in the aforesaid County & State and marched through Fredericksburg to Richmond – then down James River to Dandridge's Mill under the command of Colonel Elias Edmonds – and Captain William Jennings – Then we marched back to Richmond from which we were driven by the British and we retreated to the Little [word obliterated and illegible] in Orange County – where we were joined by General Demarcus [Lafayette] with his Army – then we returned and chased the British back to Richmond again – from Richmond we went down James River & crossed over the River & marched near to Petersburg where near four hundred of our men were taken prisoners by Colonel Tarltons [Banastre Tarleton's] horse company. Then we returned to Richmond and stayed there until we had served out the three months tour – when we were discharged.

He obtained a written discharge for the 1st service but he has lost it. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state or territory whatever –

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Parker, X his mark

[Jacob Vanmatre and John Smoot gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]