

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Solomon Parks S5486

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District of Virginia SS

on this 7th day of may 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of virginia personally appeared Solomon Parks age fifty five years resident in Accomack County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the provision made 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 Solomon Parks enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the — day of — in the year 1781 in accomack cty in the state of virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Parker of the Regiment Commanded Colonel Arthur Campbell [see endnote] in the line of the state of virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the united states untill the year 1783 about the end of the war when he was discharged from service in Winchester state of virginia that he was in the Battles of [none listed] and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

Geo. Parker

Commonwealth of Virginia Accomack County to Wit

On this 25th day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record (the said proceeding according to the course of the common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of fine and imprisonment Solomon Parks aged about fifty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he the said Solomon Parks enlisted a Soldier to serve Eighteen Months in a company Commanded by Captain Thomas Parker of the 11th Regiment [probably 9th] (on Continental establishment) commanded as he supposed when he formerly made his declaration before George Parker Judge of the Superior Court of law of Accomack County by Colonel Arthur Campbell, but he hath since been informed & Truly believes that the Regiment was Commanded by Colonel Archibald Campbell that he served the said Eighteen Months and that he made his decleration before the aforesaid Judge Parker on the 7th day of May 1819 which was his original application and 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 disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 him 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 me subscribed. the said Solomon further states that his family consists of himself his wife Nancy one female child called Comfort about Eighteen years of age unhealthy and a cripple - one Son named Charles about Sixteen years of age and is healthy and one other Son named Solomon about 11 years of age & is healthy. he also states that he has no trade and is unhealthy and that his wife who is about his age is a healthy woman and that he is now and has always been since the Revolutionary War a Resident of the County of Accomack aforesaid. He Resides upon about 3 or 4 acres of land which is under a Mortgage to Revell Lewis for to secure the payment of about \$40.00 which is nearly as much money as it is worth. It is ordered to be certified that it is the opinion of the court that the total amount in Value of the property Exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is \$87.65 out of which ought to be deducted the amount of the debt due to Revell Lewis secured by the Mortgage on the land. The deposition of Zadock Bayly [pension application S37696] & George Lewis [W7218, not found] taken by Thomas Cropper a Justice of the peace for Accomack County is ordered to be certified as being correctly

taken

Schedule of the property of Solomon Parks. Viz

7 Sheep of the value of.....	\$4.00
1 Loom.....	.50
1 Spinning wheel.....	1.00
3 old Potts.....	.50
1 churn.....	.5
2 old chests.....	.50
2 old guns.....	1.00
1 old Table.....	.5
3 old knives & forks.....	.5
7 Pigs.....	3.50
1 Pewter Basin and one plate.....	.5
½ Dozen Pewter Spoons.....	.5
1 old Tub.....	.5
3 old Hoes.....	.5
1 old plough.....	.25
2 old Barrels.....	.5
1 Spider & old dutch Oven.....	1.00
about 3 or 4 acres of land of the value of.	50.00
6 head of Cattle.....	<u>25.00</u>
	\$87.65

On the above land there is a Mortgage to Secure to Revell Lewis the payment of about \$40.00 due to said Revell. Solomon hisXmark Parks

At a Quarterly Sessions Court held for Accomack County on the 28th day of November 1821. Solomon Parks who has heretofore on the 28th March 1821 made a declaration on oath in this Court relative to his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary war &c being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that on the land on which he resides containing about 3 or 4 acres of Land and which was mentioned in his former declaration there is but one house which is built of logs with a Wood Chimney and that the same is in danger of tumbling down and is of very little value and he supposes not worth more than two dollars The Court do certify that in their opinion the value of the house afs'd does not exceed Two Dollars.

At a Quarterly Sessions Court held for Accomack County on the 26th day of March 1822. Zadock Bayly [Bayley or Bailey, pension application S37696] aged about sixty three years and Jacob Teague [S41235] aged about sixty three years who being first duly sworn depose and say that Solomon Parks aged about fifty eight years, the same Solomon Parks that hath heretofore applied in the Court for a pension enlisted to serve eighteen months as a soldier in the revolutionary war, that he enlisted in the same Company with the deponents, which company was commanded by Captain Thomas Parker, which company belonged to the Eleventh Virginia Regiment, which said Regiment was commanded by Col. [Richard] Campbell, who was killed at the battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781].

NOTES:

No Col. Arthur or Archibald Campbell could be identified. Capt. Thomas Parker was in the 9th Virginia Regiment under Lt. Col. Richard Campbell until 12 Feb 1781, when the regiment was dissolved. Richard Campbell and many other officers from the 9th Reg. then went into the new 4th Virginia Regiment in South Carolina, which was created to replace the old regiment of that number that had been captured at Charleston SC on 12 May 1780.

A document dated 9 Feb 1808 shows that Solomon Parks conveyed a warrant for 100 acres of bounty land granted for his services to Thomas D. Harris of Henrico County.

On 12 Oct 1838 Nancy Parks, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Solomon Parks "about four years after the war ended," and he died in 1832. Comfort Russell, sister of

Solomon Parks, deposed that the maiden name of Nancy Parks was Nancy Killman, that their oldest living child was then 46 or 47, and that their first child, Jesse, would have been about 50 years old. Isaac Vessels deposed that he had been well acquainted with Jesse Parks, and that he would have been 49 or 50 years old. On 17 May 1844 at age 79, and on 29 Jan 1849 at age 90 [sic], Nancy Parks applied for an increased pension under later acts. On 22 Mar 1852 she applied for a new pension certificate.