

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Humphrey Parker S7285

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County} October Session 1832

On this 29th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting Humphrey Parker a resident of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina aforesaid, aged Seventy years, 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 Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. that he was drafted in the aforesaid County and State (the County being called Tryon) by Capt. Weir [John Weir] in the year 1781 and on the first of April of said year for six months that he was commanded by Capt. Lytle [James Lytle], his Lieut. being Robert Shannon and Ensign Tommy Patterson [Thomas Patterson], that he was marched from the Tuckaseegee Ford on the Catawba [River] by said officers to the Waxhaw Settlement where some other companies of North Carolina militia were, that he knew Capt. Gordon who commanded one of the Companies, that at the Waxhaws Col. Locke [Francis Locke] and Major Rowan [John Rowan] took command and marched the Companies of North Carolina Militia to Camden, where Col. Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] took command in place of Col. Locke, that Col. Malmedy marched him to the High Hills of Santee, that while marching he was in various scouting parties, that at the High Hills he was attached to General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army, that he was marched from the High Hills to the Eutaw Springs (all the while being in General Greene's Army), that he was in the battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] fought on the 8th of September of the same year, that Col. Malmedy commanded him in the battle, he having charge of the North Carolina Militia which formed the center in the attack, that he fought during said battle, that he knew General Greene, Col. Lee [Henry [”Light Horse Harry”] Lee], & Col. Washington [William Washington] and saw the latter when his horse was shot under him, that after the battle he was marched under General Greene back to the High Hills from which place Col. Malmedy marched him to Camden where Col. Locke again took command of his Regiment, who marched him back into North Carolina, having the prisoners that were taken in charge, that he passed through Charlotte NC to Bells Branch near Salisbury where he encamped for near three months, from which place he was marched to the Yadkin River from which place he returned to Bells Branch Capt. Lytle having commanded by him all the time where he was discharged, as well as he can recollect about the last of January 1782, his discharge was burnt some time after in house of his brother, he having been discharged at Bells Branch by Col. Locke & Capt. Lytle. 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 if any, only on that of the Agency of the State of

North Carolina --

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court

Test: S/ Vardry McBee,

S/ Humphrey Parker, X his mark

I William Mayhew do certify that the foregoing declaration of Humphrey Parker is correct to the best of my knowledge, having been drafted myself with him I do certify that I was drafted at the same time by Capt. Weir and commanded by Capt. Lytle who marched us off as above stated. I also certify that I myself with him during the time we were together -- also that we were dismissed together by Col. Locke & Capt. Lytle at Bells Branch and I believe him to be of the age he states.

Sworn & subscribed this 29 day of October 1832

S/ William Mayhew,¹ X his mark

["There being no clergyman in the neighborhood", John Tucker, JP, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I am near 70 years of age in my 70th year. I was born near Winchester in Virginia.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have no record, the family record was taken off to the West by my brother many years ago

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in this County then called Tryon and State of North Carolina aforesaid.

I have lived there ever since & lived there now near Kings Mountain

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted by Capt. Weir

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: General Greene Col. Lee Col. Washington, General Marion were with me where I served. I was drafted as before stated, marched from North Carolina to South Carolina, was at Camden and fought at the Eutaw Springs & returned to North Carolina where I was dismissed being from the first April 1781 to the last January 1782 --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge from Capt. Lytle -- it was burnt

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On this first day of June 1833 personally came before me George Hoke an Acting Justice of the Peace of said County Humphrey Parker a Soldier of the Revolution, who being first sworn

¹ [William Mayhew S7184](#)

according to law in order to remedy the defects pointed out in the foregoing Declaration as to the length of his service – Swears that he was drafted by Captain Weir on the first day of April in the year 1781 and Served as is stated in the declaration viz. for six months the term for which he was drafted for and four months longer when he was discharged – (as to time, officers &c See the foregoing Declaration)

The time that he served being Ten months being from the 1st day of April 1781 to the last day of January 1782 for this time he claims his pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ George Hoke, JP

S/ Humphrey Parker, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]