

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Parrot (Parrott) S7292

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County October sessions – 1832

On this 18 day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court now sitting Reuben Parrot a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy years & six months who being 1st 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. The deponent says that he resided in the State of Virginia Halifax County that in the year 1780 the month not recollected he was drafted for three months and entered the service under Colonel Peter Rogers & Captain Overton and marched to Portsmouth and lay there the three months & was discharged by the said Captain Overton and returned home. He further says that sometime in the month of March 1781 he was again drafted for three months and marched to Guilford County, NC [Guilford County North Carolina] under General Stevens [Edward Stevens] & Captain Wall and was in the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] and at the end of the said three months he was discharged by said Captain Wall and returned home. He further says that in the month of September same year (1781) he was again drafted for three months and marched to York town under Colonel Nathaniel Cock and Captain Wall where we arrived at Yorktown was commanded by General Lawson & General George Washington commander in chief and was in the battle at said Yorktown and frequently saw General Washington during the Siege and sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] was discharged but being a stranger does not recollect by whom and returned home making in the whole of his services nine months to the best of his recollection. He further declares that he received a written discharge at the end of each tower [tour] of service but has lost each of them.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test S/ James G Spears, Clerk

S/ Reuben Parrot, P his mark

In answer to the objections in the declaration of Reuben Parrott for a pension for 9 months

Q. Where and in what year were you born

A. I was born in Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia on the 14 day of February 1762.

Q. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

A. There was a record of my age in my father's family record with the rest of my father's family

which record my youngest brother got in his possession and my brother not living at this time in this Section of country, I know not whether he yet has it or not.

Q. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

A. I was drafted for each term of duty which I served.

Q. 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution

A. I refer to D. Duncan and E. Fant both clergyman resident in the State of South Carolina, Chester District for my veracity. The reasons that I refer to those men of South Carolina for my veracity is that I have been a resident of that State for a number [of] years past until a short time past (since which time I have been a resident of the County of Cabarrus & State of North Carolina) and those men referred to is much better acquainted with me than any man in the neighborhood where I now live.

Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of March 1833

S/ Reuben Parrott, P his mark

State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: July Sessions 1833

On this 15th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Reuben Parrot a resident of North Carolina in the County of Cabarrus – aged 71 the 16th day of February last, 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 in the Militia, under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in the year 1780 the month not recollected he entered the service being drafted for 3 months in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Rogers, and company commanded by Captain Overton of Halifax, State of Virginia and marched direct to Portsmouth, passing through Petersburg – having laid in camp until the end of the three months, we were discharged & returned home. Again in the month of March 1781 General Greene [Nathanael Greene] having issued a proclamation stating that all those who would volunteer for six weeks should be exempt from a three months tour – he being then a party to the class or number to which he belonged, drafted for three months, volunteered and marched in pursuit of the enemy & was at the Battle of Guilford after the battle he was in pursuit of the enemy for several days when his term had expired, he was discharged & returned home, this service was performed in the company commanded by Captain Wall: General Stevens commanding the Brigade and again in the month of September in the same year (1781) he was drafted for 3 months in the Company commanded by Captain Wall, & Regiment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Cocke, and March, directly to Yorktown where they were commanded by General Lawson and General George Washington, and remained during the Siege after which we were discharged & returned home, having served three months, making in the whole nine months service: if the tour of six weeks in lieu of three months under the proclamation of General Greene, be admitted, if cannot seven months and a half. He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Reuben Parrot, P his mark

[William Carrigan, Isaiah Deweese, and Nathaniel Sims gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The said Reuben Parrot, being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that having been a citizen of Chester district South Carolina and removed from that state that there is no clergyman who has any knowledge of his services except going back to South Carolina & his circumstances are such as render it inconvenient to him to do so at this time but refers to the certificate of the Reverend Missers Fant and Duncan, deposited, in the pension office, the last written by Henry W Conner, the then representative in Congress from this district.

Sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Reuben Parrot, P his mark

[The standard interrogatories were put to the veteran and he gave the same answers he did in his earlier application except he gave the following answer as to where he had lived during and after the revolutionary war:

A. I lived in Halifax County Virginia where I was drafted & volunteered each time of service: after the revolution I removed to Caswell County North Carolina where I lived many years, from thence removed to Rutherford County North Carolina where I resided some years, from thence I removed to Chester District South Carolina, where I resided, until within the last 12 months, when I removed to Cabarrus County North Carolina, where one of my children resides.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]