

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Claiborne (Claibourne) Parrish S7297

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State North Carolina Granville County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term A.D.
1832

On this 11th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Lewis Taylor, Richard Bullock & Thomas H. Willie members of the said court now in Session Claiborne Parrish a citizen & resident of the County & State aforesaid, who was born in the County of Goochland and State of Virginia and removed to Granville County & State of North Carolina with his parents when he was about seven years old, but his age he cannot distinctly state, as the family Register was carried by his father to the State of Georgia upon his removal to that State about thirty years ago, but from all he knows and believes, he thinks he is between seventy and seventy-two years of age, 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 7th day of June A.D. 1832 –

That he entered into the Service of the United States by draft on a tour of three months duty under the command of Captain Lipham from the County of Orange and State aforesaid where he then lived -- the year in which this service was performed he cannot remember but his company marched from Hillsboro westward toward and near the Yadkin River -- The object of the Expedition was to annoy and destroy the Tories who were committing great depredations on the Whigs in that part of the country -- Arriving near the Yadkin [River], we turned our course down the River and in a South Eastern direction -- Traversing that Country the Counties of Guilford, Chatham and the Western & southwestern part of the County of Orange, and upon the Expiration of our term of service, we were marched home and were discharged -- My discharge I thought of no value, and took no care of it and believe it is long since lost or destroyed -- The Lieutenant and Ensign & other officers of our Company I cannot remember.

Some considerable time afterwards, but how long war in what year I cannot remember, I was again drafted from the same County, where I continued to reside, on a Tour of duty of three months Service, and entered upon duty under the command of Captain John McFarland but I am unable to recollect the names of the other company officers, but when [we] arrived at Hillsboro the Place of Rendezvous the whole detachment was placed under the Command of General Butler [John Butler] Colonel Mebane [Robert Mebane] was also in command -- The object above service was again against the Tories -- We were marched westward across Haw River and were scouring the country in that Region that was infested by the enemy, when we learned that a party of Tories had passed into Hillsboro and had taken a number of Prisoners that were confined

there; we turned our course so as to intercept their retreat and fell in with them at Lindley's Mill¹ -- where we had an Engagement -- our detachment was kept on duty some further time but how long I cannot remember; but upon the expiration of our term of service, we were marched home & discharged. This discharge is also lost or destroyed --

I continued to reside in Orange County until about 18 or 19 years ago when I removed to Granville County where I now reside.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to 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 --

Sworn to and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid --

S/ Claiborne Parrish, X his mark

North Carolina, Granville County: August the 15th day 1832

This day Personally appeared before me Allen Parrish of Orange County North Carolina and maketh oath in due form of law that he is a Brother of Claiborne Parrish who is applying for a Pension. That Claiborne Parrish was twice drafted and went into the Service and was absent three months or more each time he was drafted and he does believe that the annexed Declaration of Claiborne Parrish is true and it was known and believed in Orange where Claiborne Parrish the when he was drafted that he was a Revolutionary Soldier.

S/ Allen Parrish, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written.

S/ B. Bullock, JP

[Willie P. Mangum² gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of both the veteran and his brother. who testifies that the veteran had the use of the affiant's grandfather's rifle during his service.]

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

¹ The engagement at Lindley's Mill occurred on September 13, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

² MANGUM, Willie Person, a Representative and a Senator from North Carolina; born in Orange (now Durham) County, N.C., May 10, 1792; attended academies at Hillsboro, Fayetteville, and Raleigh; graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1815; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1817 and commenced practice in Red Mountain, N.C.; member, State house of representatives 1818-1819; twice elected a superior court judge; elected to the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1823, until March 18, 1826, when he resigned; elected as a Jacksonian (later Anti-Jacksonian) to the United States Senate in 1830 and served from March 4, 1831, until his resignation on November 26, 1836; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Printing (Twenty-seventh Congress); received the eleven electoral votes of South Carolina for President of the United States in 1837; again elected, as a Whig, to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bedford Brown; reelected in 1841 and in 1847, and served from November 25, 1840, to March 3, 1853; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Congresses; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1853; continued the practice of law until his death in Red Mountain, N.C., September 7, 1861; interment in the family burial ground at his home, 'Walnut Hall,' near Red Mountain, N.C. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=M000096>