

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Humphrey Parrish S7301

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County} On this 11th day of March 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid now sitting Humphrey Parrish a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 69 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

I am not certain of the date but believe it was in the year 17__ but I well Remember it was very soon after Gates defeat¹ at Camden I was a Volunteer for three Months under Captain Gillam [William Gilliam] in the County of Granville & State of North Carolina Colonel William Moore Commanded the Regiment we joined the Main Army at Hillsborough from that place we was stationed at Salisbury a few days from there we was ordered on to Six Mile Creek in Mecklenburg County where we was stationed until our Term expired and we was discharged and returned home to Granville County North Carolina. Shortly after my Return I was drafted for a three months Tour under Captain Harrison [sic, then Major Richard Harrison] we was stationed at Williamsborough to guard a Magazine at that place where we was continued until some time after Cornwallis left the State we was Discharged and Returned. Shortly after my Return I went into the State of Virginia and not being pleased at being drafted I enlisted for three years in the Continental Service under Captain William Hays our head Quarters was on the Appomattox River about 20 miles from Petersburg where we was stationed about the Time of the taking of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] we was then furloughed to go home to be ready at a moments warning. I have not been called on to serve out the balance of the Time expect they have not had any use for me if it was necessary I am still willing to shoulder my musket in the Defense of my Country. I know I served my country for that which I have Obtained that is Liberty I have never received any compensation for my services but now when it is offered I claim it as my Right. I hereby relinquish every Claim whatsoever to a pension except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatsoever.

Question by the Court} Where and in what year were you born

Answer: I was Born in Granville County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1763.

Question: Have you any Record of your age if so where is it.

¹ Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780.

Answer: I have not any Record of my age only from Information taken from some circumstances of the family.

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

Answer: I was living in Granville County North Carolina when first called into Service and made that my place of Residence until the year 1796 I then moved to Rutherford County North Carolina where I have resided ever since.

Question how were you called into Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer: I was first a volunteer for three months under Captain Gillam Colonel William Moore Commanded the Regiment we joined the Main Army under General William Butler [sic John Butler] at Hillsboro NC we was marched to Salisbury from there to Six Mile Creek in Mecklenburg North Carolina this was soon after Gates defeat near Camden we served our Term out and returned home soon after I was drafted for three months under Captain Harrison we was stationed at Williamsboro and kept there as a Guard over the Magazine at that place we was kept at that post until after Cornwallis left North Carolina and passed into Virginia there was [not] in my Recollection any Officer at that place higher in command that [sic, than] a Captain from that place we returned home under our Officers that we went under I shortly after went into the State of Virginia on a visit I met with Captain William Hay and enlisted for three years in the Continental Army I went on to head Quarters about 20 miles above Petersburg on the Appomattox River in the State of Virginia we was at that place when Cornwallis was taken our Company was not full at that time some time after that we was all furloughed to go home to be ready at a moments warning I returned home and had not been called on to this day but am ready not [sic] if my Country Requires my service

State the Names of some of the regular officers where you served with their Troops where you served such Continental and Militia officers as you can Recollect and the general circumstances of your Service

Answer I recollect General Butler Colonel Moore

Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service if so what has become of it. Answer. I never had a Discharge I at all times returned home under the same officers that I went out and I received a furlough signed by Captain Hay but I took no care of it after peace was proclaimed. State the names of persons in your Neighborhood to whom you are known who can testify as to your character for veracity and good Behavior your service as a Revolutionary soldier. Drury Dobbins, Moses Waters.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid in open Court 11th of March 1833
S/ Thos. F. Birchett, Clk

S/ Humphrey Parrish {Seal}

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Humphrey Parrish". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a faint circular seal or stamp behind the signature, but its details are not clearly visible.

[Drury Dobbins, a clergyman, and Moses Waters gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[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 and Virginia militia.]