

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Sparrow S7581

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At a Court held for Accomack County on the 27th day of August 1832

Jacob Sparrow of the County of Accomack this day personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832 viz.

"State of Virginia, Accomack County SS. On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Accomack County now sitting Jacob Sparrow aged about sixty-eight years and now a resident of Accomack Parish in Accomack County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his corporate oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions laid by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – him

That he served in the Militia of Accomack County State of Virginia from the time he was sixteen years of age till he was free from duty by reason of his age – that during the war of the Revolution he served under Captain Jesse Dickerson & Lieutenant Thomas Sandford of the Militia – that during all the Revolutionary war the Militia of this County were constantly called upon to keep guard by turns about a week – that generally about 15 or 20 of each Company Guard at a time – that, in consequence of the exposed situation of the County & the constant state of alarm it was necessary to keep a regular guard on the sea side & Bay side of the County to prevent depredations being committed – that he kept guard on Pocomoke River, at Chincoteague & at General Cropper's [perhaps John Cropper's] barracks and that he verily believes he was in service about two years – that he was born in 1764 & was enrolled 1780 and he considered himself every day liable to be called upon at a moments warning to attend alarms – that he does not know that he was in actual service under arms quite two years, but he was enrolled about three years before the war ended & was in service more than half the time under arms as he believes – this deponent was born in this County & has always lived where he now lives on Mesongoes Creek [Masongo or Mesongo Creek] – that he has a record of his age in a Sermon Book at home showing that he was born in 1764 – that he received no written discharges at the end of his tours. This deponent was well acquainted with Colonel Cropper, Major Poulson [perhaps Major John Poulson], Captain Gilchris [perhaps George Gilchrist], Colonel Levin Joynes & generally or quite all the officers from this County – The Militia of this County were commanded by Colonels Simpson, Corbin & Cropper during the Revolutionary war. This applicant is well known to Colonel Drummond, Captains Thomas & Henry Fletcher, Captain Samuel Henderson, Doctor E. H. James & almost all the Citizens of the upper Parrish of this County any of whom can testify as to his character for truth & veracity & as to their belief of his services aforesaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State."

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Sparrow

[Henry Fletcher, JP, and William R Curtis, JP, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]