

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Parrott S8932

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I George Shearman of the County of Green and State of Virginia, being now Eighty Years of age, and a Revolutionary Pensioner, do hereby certify that I was a resident of the County of Northumberland & State of Virginia in the Year 1776 and was well acquainted with John Parrott, the Brother of William Parrott now of this County, and Knew that the said John Parrott Enlisted in the Revolutionary War for Twelve months in a Company of minute men Commanded by one Captain Heath, whose Company was stationed at the salt works on the Chesapeake and I think that when the said Parrott's Time of enlistment was out, That he removed to the County of Lancaster, & went into the militia service. I also know that the said Parrott was appointed an Ensign in the aforesaid Company of minute men in some short time after he enlisted, and acted in that Capacity until discharged

Given under my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1843

S/ George Shearman<sup>1</sup>



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State of Virginia County of Louisa: SS

On this 10th day of April 1843 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County and State, personally appeared George & Samuel H Parrott, who being duly sworn according to law on their oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That their Father, John Parrott, deceased, late of the County of Louisa aforesaid, enlisted into the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war, as they have often heard him say, in the year 1776 or 7, for twelve months, in a company of minute man commanded by one Captain Heath [perhaps, Henry Heth] from the County of Northumberland in the aforesaid State of Virginia, and faithfully served out the period of his enlistment, – after which he married and moved from the aforesaid County of Northumberland into the County of Lancaster, where he again entered the service in the militia, but how long, he remained in said service they do not recollect to have heard him say, but that

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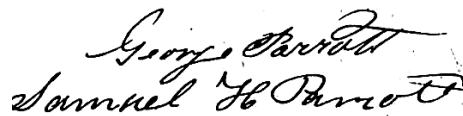
<sup>1</sup> [George Shearman S9478](#)

they repeatedly heard him speak of having served a long time, and had never received anything of consequence for his services. They further state that they often heard him say that he held the rank of Ensign while in the Company of minute man commanded by the aforesaid Heath. They further state that there Father, the aforesaid John Parrott removed after the War, to the County of Loudoun, and subsequently to the aforesaid County of Louisa, which County he continued to reside in until sometime in the year 1836, when he went to the State of Kentucky with one of his sons, where he died in the month of November 1839. These declarant further states that there Father left no widow at the time of his death, but that he left the following children viz. Harriet, now the wife of William Groom, Judith<sup>2</sup>, Malvina Ranson now the wife of James E Ranson and George and Samuel H Parrott the declarants, they further state that there Father died without ever having made any application in his lifetime for a Pension and that this Declaration is made in order that they as well as the rest of his children may receive the Pension which he, there Father, would have been entitled to had he lived in made application for the same. They further state that they have no record evidence of his services but respectfully submit their claim to the proper Department with such proof, as they have been able to obtain, in support of their claim.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year above written, before me  
S/ C. B. Hopkins, JP

S/ George Parrott

S/ Samuel H Parrott

Handwritten signatures of George Parrott and Samuel H Parrott. The signature of George Parrott is written in cursive and is positioned above the signature of Samuel H Parrott, which is also in cursive.

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I William Parrott<sup>3</sup> of the County of Green in the State of Virginia, hereby certify that I am a Revolutionary Pensioner, and that I was eighty-nine years of age the 30th [could be 31st] day of January last past, now enjoying tolerable health and sound mind and memory and as such, do upon my oath testify and declare that John Parrott (my Brother) enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary War in the year 1776 for twelve months in Captain Heath's Company of minute man in the County of Northumberland, in the State of Virginia and remained in active service in the said County guarding the salt works on the Chesapeake Bay from early in the spring of that year till late in the fall of the same year at which time he was discharged from that service and he then married and moved into the adjoining County, Lancaster, where he again entered the service in the militia and perform service nearly the whole of the war, but how long he was in active service I am unable to say, but have no hesitation in saying that he was in active service, put it all together, two years, as the militia in the lower Counties of Virginia was generally in active service from early in the war until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at Yorktown having been a long time in the same kind of service myself I had frequent opportunities of seeing my Brother in service and therefore I think that I can with truth say that he served fully the time before stated. I have no distinct recollection of the officers under whom I Brother served after he removed to the County of Lancaster, but I think that at one time he was in a company commanded by Captain Berryman and Lieutenant Newton Brent. I well recollect, however, the name of the Captain under whom he first enlisted which was Captain Heath [perhaps Henry Heath] as before stated, and I no further, that after my Brother had been in

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<sup>2</sup> Her name appears in various documents in this file as Juduth, Julia F., and Juliet.

<sup>3</sup> [William Parrott S10253](#)

service a short time, that he was appointed an Ensign in the same Company and a man by the name of Augustine Copperage [Augustine Copedge] was the Lieutenant in the same Company. I further certify that my Brother John and myself were both residents of the County of Northumberland at the time he enlisted and that after the service I removed to the County of Orange (now Green) and my Brother John, moved first to Loudoun, & then to Louisa County, in which County he resided until four years past, he went to the state of Kentucky on a visit to one of his sons, where he died sometime in the year 1840 leaving two children, I think, in Kentucky, and several in this state in the County of Orange and Louisa. Given under my hand this 28th day of March 1843.

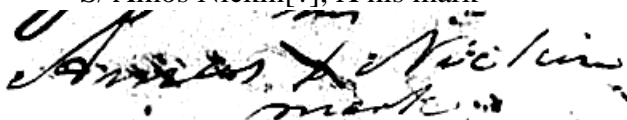
S/ William Parrott



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This is to Certify that I am now about ninety-two years of age; that I was born and raised in the County of Northumberland where I now reside and was personally and well acquainted with John Parrott during the War of the Revolution. The said John Parrott was an Ensign in Captain Heath's Company of minute men in the County of Northumberland and continued in service as such until time for which he enlisted or engaged to serve expired, which was eighteen months I think, though I am not positive as to that. I do know however that he was in service more than ~~two years~~ twelve months – Captain Heath's Company was generally stationed on the Potomac River to guard & protect the salt works, and as I was raised in the same neighborhood with the said Parrott, and performed military duty as the substitute of my Father I had frequent opportunities of seeing the said Parrott while he was in the service. After the expiration of the Revolution, the said Parrott purchased a Horse from my Father and removed to one of the upper Counties in this State to live. He then went to Kentucky I think or some one of the Western States. He had a Brother by the name of William, who also removed to one of the upper Counties. Given under my hand this 18th day of April 1850

S/ Amos Nickin[?], X his mark<sup>4</sup>



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State of Virginia

County of Lancaster} to wit

Be it known that on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1850 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid – Personally appeared Amos Nickens, and made oath in due form of law to the truth of the foregoing certificate. And (I Certify) that the said Nickens is personally known to me, and that his statement is entitled to credit.

Given under my hand the day and Year last above mentioned.

S/ Benjamin Waddey

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<sup>4</sup> I did not find a veteran by this name or any similar name beginning with the letter "N" who made a claim for a federal pension for service in the Revolution. Consequently, this may be the only record of his service.

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Virginia

At a Court of Monthly Session held for the County of Louisa at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 13th day of October 1851.

The court doth certify that on the 13th day of October 1851, it was satisfactorily proven to them that John Parrott reputed to be a soldier of the Revolution died in said County on the 27th day of November 1840 leaving children whose names are George Parrott, Samuel H Parrott, Harriet Parrott now the wife of William Groom, Malvina Parrott now the wife of James Ransom and Juliet Parrott.

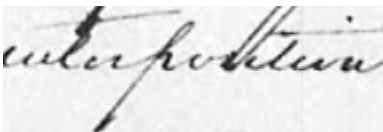
[Certified as a true record by John Hunter clerk of the County Court October 18, 1851.]

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To the Congress of the United States

Your Memorialist respectfully state that they are the children of John Parrott deceased late of the County of Louisa and State of Virginia, who died in Green County in the State of Kentucky on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1840 [could be 1841] leaving no widow, by which Your memorialist became entitled to the Pension that was due him under the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. Your memorialist have not been able to comply with the requisitions of the Pension Office so as to obtain the Pension – but they have obtained such evidence as in their opinion to bring their case within the true intention of the Act, and therefore beg leave to submit it to Your consideration. Their Father, John Parrott entered the Service of his Country early in the spring of the Year 1776 from the County of Northumberland Virginia and continued in service until late in the Autumn of that Year, when he was honorably discharged – he then married and removed to the County of Lancaster where he again entered the Service of his Country in the Militia, and as they have been informed had to perform frequent tours of duty in that Kind of service, and as they have been further informed for a total period of at least two Years. They respectfully refer to the evidence filed by them in the Pension Office, the Originals, or Copies of which, are subject to the Control of Your Committees. Their Father frequently stated to Your memorialist during his life that he was as much entitled to a pension as any who were receiving but having a Competency, as he supposed, without this aid of the Government, he did not choose to apply for it at that time, he subsequently died in Kentucky where he resided for the last three Years of his life, without ever having applied for the Pension. Unfortunately for Your memorialist, this fact is now interpreted as creating a strong inference against the validity of the claim, so far so, as to require a strict Compliance with rules which Completely shuts the door against any recovery, unless by intervention<sup>5</sup> [?] of Congress. Your Memorialist beg leave further to state that their Father after serving a short time as a private in the minute Service, was promoted, and appointed an Ensign as will be Seen by reference to the evidence already on file, and his old subsequent Service was in that grade, whilst in the minute service; and after having removed from Northumberland to Lancaster County, his subsequent service was in the militia, but Your memorialist have not been able to obtain any evidence of how long he was in that kind of service, except the Affidavit of his Brother (& which is now on file) who states that after John Parrott removed to this County of Lancaster, that he was in Service in the Militia nearly the

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whole of the remaining period of the war but not being able to state precisely the number of tours, or the duration of each tour, he served up the time to be at least two Years. Your Committee will no doubt bear in mind the fact that the militia in all the Counties bordering on the Chesapeake was more Constantly in active service than in any other Counties in the State hence Your memorialist thinks it is but fair to suppose that the time specified in the evidence is at least as short a period as their Father was in Service, and as Your memorialist are unable to obtain any additional evidence, and have no access to the public records, they submit their claim to Your Honorable body, and pray that they may be allowed the Pension which they Conceived themselves to be entitled to receive under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

George Parrott

Samuel H Parrott

Julia F. Parrott

By their Counsel

[Veteran's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for the service of their father as a private for twelve months in the Virginia service.]