

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Parker S8936

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State of North Carolina Caswell County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this the 10th day of October A.D. 1832, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices thereof now sitting, William Parker a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, aged seventy-seven 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. To wit:

That in July 1779 he volunteered under Captain Harden [William Harden] in the County of Caswell & State of North Carolina, but for what length of time he does not now recollect -- he marched in Captain Harden's Company to Hillsborough Orange County North Carolina after remaining at said Town for 5 or 6 weeks he was permitted along with some others to return home, & renew his clothing, & again returned to the Army, which he did the distance being only about 30 miles, from Hillsborough they set out early in the month of December to Charleston South Carolina, via Salisbury & Charlotte in North Carolina & Camden in South Carolina, reached Charleston last of January or the first of February 1780. That during this period he was under the command of Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle], & Captain Harden; Shortly after his arrival he was placed amongst the artificers & was alternately engaged in the business incident to that department, and in bearing arms -- Continued at said Town till the Siege, which commenced as nearly as this declarant can now recollect in the month of April 1780, during this Siege this declarant was taken prisoner [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], and was marched under a British guard to what was called the ten mile house, & was then permitted to return home upon condition (which promise was extorted) that he was not to raise arms against the Mother Country, he reached home the 3rd of June of that year making a tour of between 10 & 11 months from the time of his entering the service: In the month of July 1781 this declarant went in Virginia (he living but a short distance from the line) & joining Captain William Downy's Company of horse & went in pursuit of the Tories in the County of Bedford Virginia & the adjoining Counties, in this Service he was engaged about two months, This declarant was born in Essex County Virginia on the 22nd October 1755, he has no record of his age, it having been entered in his father's family Bible, which at the death of the Old man fell in the hands of his Brother who has been dead many years: -- he lived at the County of Caswell and he entered the Service, has lived in said County ever since. This declarant is known to almost

every man in said County, is well acquainted with Colonel B. Brown US Senator from North Carolina, General Azariah Graves, Geo WmSon [George Williamson], Esqr., and John Johnston, he has no documentary Evidence of his Service, & knows of no one except David Barker¹ whose Certificate is hereto annexed in this Section of country by whom he can prove his Service, he hereby relinquishes every claim 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 in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clerk

S/ William Parker, X his mark

State of North Carolina Caswell County: 10th of October 1832

David Barker resident in the County of Caswell aforesaid hereby Certifies That he is well acquainted with William Parker who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, and believes him to be 77 years this month as he states, That he believes him to have performed the service stated in his declaration, & States that marched with said Parker from Hillsborough North Carolina to Charleston South Carolina & knows him to have performed the service in that Campaign as stated in his Declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open court the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clerk

S/ David Barker

[George Williamson, Azariah Graves & John Johnston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Caswell County: Appeared Personally before me the [indecipherable word], a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Caswell aforesaid, William Parker, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods intended below -- and in the following grades -- For 10 months I served as a private in the Militia Service in the War of the Revolution, first Tour, -- and For 2 months I served as a private in the Militia Service in the 2nd Tour mentioned in my foregoing declaration making in these 2 tours a period of 12 months served and for which service I claim a pension: -- at part of the first Tour I was engaged amongst the Artificers at Charleston South Carolina in making axes [indecipherable word, looks like 'helves'], hoe [same indecipherable word], wooden spades, Coffins, & implements to be used in throwing up the breast works. -- -- I never received a discharge, having been taken prisoner by the British in my first tour, and released by them as stated in my declaration: Reason why I failed to procure the Certificate of a Clergyman to my declaration and the first instant is that I expected one to attend for that purpose, but was disappointed. --

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 7th day of May A.D. 1833

S/ Thos. D. Johnston, JP

S/ William Parker, X his mark

[Nicholas Willis, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]

¹ [David Barker S6560](#)