

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Drury Parham S9452

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South Carolina Spartanburg District }

On this 27th day of September personally appeared in open Court before John B. O'Neal Presiding Judge of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting, Drury Parham a resident of Spartanburg District & state aforesaid aged between Seventy-Five & Eighty 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 was born on the Roanoke [River] in Virginia about the year 1755 not being certain as to the precise time having no record of his age, & removed thence with my parents when very small to Halifax in the State of North Carolina where he continued to live until he entered into the service of the United States. He entered the service of the United States at the commencement of the war as a substitute for one Joseph Worldly a poor man with a small family who had been drafted to serve a tour to the North of nine months in the Continental line (for which he has never received any compensation) & served for nine months under the Continental officers, Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun] & Captain Bradley [George "Gee" Bradley] & the militia Captain Joiner; during which term of service he was conducted from Halifax to Richmond, thence to Baltimore, thence to Philadelphia, thence to King's ferry thence to West Point, from West Point back to Philadelphia where we remained in winter quarters, & from Philadelphia we were conducted back to Halifax North Carolina where we were dismissed by Colonel Maybin [sic, Robert Mebane], this [in accordance with] the orders of Colonel Hogun without any written discharge.

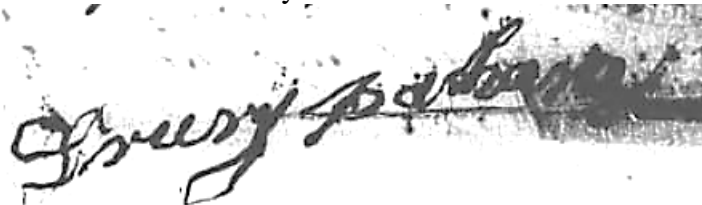
Here he remained at home about one year, when he entered again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for a three months tour under the Command of Colonel Tinon [sic, probably a reference to Col. Hugh Tinnen] & was conducted to Moncks Corner in South Carolina & thence down Cooper or Ashley River into Charleston, where I remained during the whole siege of Charleston & was made prisoner after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]; he was then permitted to return home upon parole which has since been lost. He remained at home but a short time when he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one Isaac Mathews in Chatham County, State of North Carolina for the term of three months, & served under Captain Crumpton & Lieutenant Daniel in a tour to the South Carolina, & joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at Beatties Ford on the Catawba [River], & continued with General Greene's Army until he arrived near Guilford, when he was permitted to visit his family living near Guilford, & thus escaped being in that engagement [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781]. After this term of service he was dismissed without a written discharge and occasionally performed duty as a

volunteer in the neighborhood of Chatham County from this period until the close of the war. During this latter period he served as a volunteer in repeated expeditions against Colonel Fannon [sic, David Fanning] who commanded a body of Tories & greatly annoyed the citizens of North Carolina. The precise length of time he served as a volunteer he cannot state with certainty but believes from the best of his recollection, that he must have served as a volunteer at different times four or five months. This deponent continued to live in Chatham County in North Carolina after the close of the war until about 33 years ago, when he removed to South Carolina in the District of Spartanburg where he now resides, & is well known to the Reverend James Rainwaters [sic, James Rainwater], & Reuben Newman his neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the [p 7] Revolution. This deponent 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.

This applicant would moreover refer to the affidavits of William Parham & John Parham made before Hugh Means Esquire and Union District in the year 1819 in support of his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Drury Parham

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Drury Parham", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James Rainwater, a clergyman, and Reuben Newman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Union District: This day William Parham<sup>1</sup> of North Carolina Personally came before me the Subscribing Justice and was sworn agreeable to law and saith that he was well acquainted with Drury Parham and he was a messmate of his for nine months in the State of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and that said Drury served in the United States service under the command of Colonel Hogun and under Captain James Bradley in 1778 or 1779.

Sworn to this 8th day of October 1819

S/ H. Means, JP

S/ William Parham, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Union District: This day John Parham came before me and was sworn that he recollects the above named Drury Parham going into the United States service.

Sworn to this 8th day of October 1819

S/ H. Means, JP

S/ John Parham, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.83 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months, 9 months of which was served in the North Carolina Continental line and the remainder in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> There is no evidence that a veteran by this name filed for a pension for services in the revolution. Consequently, this may be the only record of this veteran's service.