

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Paris W10222

Sarah Paris

f36NC

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State of North Carolina Orange County } SS Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term
1834

On this the 30th day of August 1834, personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting William Paris, a resident of the aforesaid County of Orange, now in 75 year of his age, 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 and served as herein stated.

1st Tour

On the 10th day of October 1781, this Declarant was drafted as a private for a three months tour in the Service of the United States -- the Company to which this declarant was attached when drafted, was Commanded by Captain Douglass [Edward Douglas], one Henry Steel was Lieutenant, rendezvoused at one Collins' (the same place where the poor house for Orange County now stands) -- Our object was to suppress the Tories who were very troublesome South of us -- We marched through Hillsboro, crossed Haw River at Clark's Ford -- thence through the upper part of Chatham County & Randolph, Crossed the Pee Dee River at Mass' Ferry, thence to New Town (now Wadesboro) in Anson County -- then to Waxhaws in South Carolina -- we returned to Chatham Court house and were there discharged by Captain Douglas on the 10th day of January following, having served the United States in this tour three months.

In this Declarant further states upon his oath that in this tour he was in a regularly organized Corps and called into Service by Competent Authority

2nd Tour

This Declarant was a Second time drafted in the Service of the United States for three months in a Company of Militia, of which William Horton was Captain, and Thomas Taylor Lieutenant -- The precise time this Declarant entered upon this Second and last tour he does not with precision, remember, but he remembers that afor [sic, before?] the day he entered upon this tour, which was guarding the town of Hillsboro: three men were executed in the town, to wit, Thomas Ricketts, Thomas Darke & Samuel Poe -- on the day this Declarant's last tour Commenced -- which appears by the Certificate of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Orange aforesaid, to have been on the 1st day of February 1782, which certificate is here with transmitted.

And this declarant further says upon his oath, that as private he served in said Horton's Company till the first day of May following, and that in this tour as in the former he was in a regularly organized Corps & called into Service by Competent Authority -- And that for this tour he received a Discharge from his Captain which with the first discharge is lost --

That he was born in the County of Orange aforesaid

That he has no record of his age, but from the best information he is in his 75th year

That he was living in Orange County for said when called into Service and has been living there ever since.

That when he was called into the United States Service he was drafted, that there is no clergyman living near to him --

That he was acquainted with Colonel Mebane [Robert Mebane], General Butler [John Butler], Colonel O'Nials & [paper torn and text missing]

That he received Discharges for both of his Tours -- but his [paper torn and text missing] being robbed by some Tories, a few months after the expiration of his Second tour, when both the above mentioned discharges with most of his other papers were destroyed --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. Taylor, CC

S William Paris, X his mark

[Samuel Child & Thomas Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 25: On September 12, 1834 in Orange County North Carolina, Thomas Thompson and John Hunter, citizens of Orange County, also gave the standard supporting affidavit. It is not clear by an additional standard affidavit was required.]

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"By Commission from the Governor bearing date [ink blot obliterates date, may be "17th"] December 1781, the Court of Oyer & Terminer was held on the 17th January 1782 when Samuel Poe was found guilty of Burglary & Thomas Ricketts & Thomas Darke were found Guilty of Treason -- and were ordered to be executed on the 1st day of February following

Test: S/ Geo. W. Brewer [last name uncertain], SC"

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Sub Geo. W. Brewer sc

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State of North Carolina Orange County } SS

On this the 19th day of August 1834, personally appeared before the undersigned, an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, John Payne, Senior, now in the 75th

year of his age, who being first duly qualified according to law; maketh oath, that during the Revolutionary War, and in the year of 1781 -- he well remembers that there was a three months tour of Militia and that William Paris, was a soldier and served the United States as a militia man in a three months tour in that year, and that one Douglass was Captain of said company –

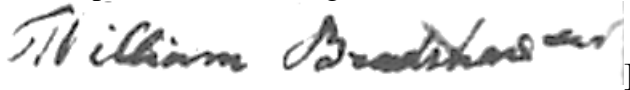
And this affiant further saith upon his oath, that he remembers distinctly that his own brother, William Payne & Henry Steel (immediate neighbors of mine) and the only ones that this affiant now remembers, with William Paris aforesaid: that served in said three months tour

And further this affiant John Payne, saith, that he is now and always has been a resident of Orange aforesaid & been well acquainted with William Paris, upwards of 60 years: that said Paris is a man of truth and veracity and believed to have been a Soldier of the war of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first above written, before me
S/ John Stockard, JP

S/ John Payne, X his mark

[p 22: William Bradshaw, 65, of Orange County, gave an affidavit similar to Payne's regarding Paris' reputation and seeing Paris in militia service in Hillsboro in the spring of 1782.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Bradshaw". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the late 18th or early 19th century. The signature ends with a small flourish.

[p 8: On February 9, 1839, in Orange County North Carolina, Sarah Paris, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Paris, a deceased pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$20 per annum; that William Paris died September 13, 1836; that there is no record of her marriage to William Paris but she knows from the birth of her eldest child, John Paris, who was born according to the family record March 13, 1782 that she must have been married to him nine months prior to the birth of that child which would make the date of her marriage June 14, 1782; that they were married in Chatham County by Reverend Elathan Davis; that the Family record of the births of her children reads as follows:

"William Paris and his wife Sarah Paris children's ages

John Paris was born March 13 day A.D. 1782

Henry Paris was born August 5 day A.D. 1784

Charles Paris was born March 14 A.D. 1786

Mary Paris was born the __ Day of January 1788

Charity Paris was born November 1, 1791

William Paris, Junior, was born November 26 A.D. 1795"

She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: family record: see below

William Paris and his wife
Sarah Paris
Born March
the 15th Anno Domini 1782
Henry Paris was born
August the 5th Day 1784
Charles Paris was born
March the 14th A.D. 1786
Mary Paris was born
the 1st of January 1788
Charles Paris was born
November the 3rd 1791
William Paris junior
November the 23rd
1793

[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 militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]