

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Parriott (Parrott, Parrot) W18714 Martha Parriott f46MD
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Explanatory Note: This pension file is included in our database because his heirs alleged that this veteran was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown even though the services of the veteran in the Maryland Continental line appear to have terminated in August of 1780. It therefore appears very unlikely that this veteran was in fact at Yorktown in the Maryland line on October 19, 1781 when Cornwallis surrendered.]

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To the Hon. the General Assembly of the State of Maryland

The petition of Christopher Parrot, Humbly Showeth, That your petitioner is worn among the few remaining soldiers of the Revolutionary War. That he entered into the service of his Country at an early period, and acted as a Sergeant in the second Regiment of Maryland troops, that he remained in said Regiment, and continued in the same grade until the month of August 1780. Your petitioner therefore prays your Honor to grant to him in his old age, that relief that is granted to others of the same grade, by placing him on the pension list of the State of Maryland, and your petitioner is in duty bound will pray &c.

S/ Christopher Parrot

Christopher Parrot appears to have enlisted as a Sergeant in the Second Maryland Regiment, and served as such until the 10th of January 1780, when he received a discharge, but was retained in the service by Col. Forrest until August following.

S/ Thomas Harrison, Auditor

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, January 1st, 1817

I John Gasaway late a Capt. of the revolutionary War and in the 2nd Maryland Regiment, do hereby Certify that I knew Christopher Parrot and that he was a Sgt. in the said Regiment. Given under my hand this 3rd day of January 1817

S/ Jno. Gassaway, late a Captain in the R. War

[All of the above transcribed documents are certified as being true copies of papers presented to the legislature of Maryland at its December session 1816. The certification was given June 17, 1855 by George G Brewer, Clerk of the House of delegates for Maryland.]

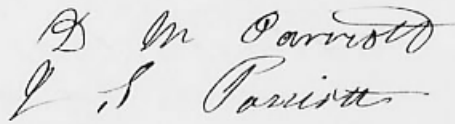
Commonwealth of Virginia Marshall County to wit

On this 20th day of May 1850 personally appeared before the County Court of Marshall

County in said Commonwealth Joseph S. Parriott and Dennis M. Parriott residence of Elizabeth town in said County of Marshall & State aforesaid, the said Dennis M. aged 52 years and the said Joseph S. aged 50 years, respecting [sic], who being first sworn according to law on their oaths make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, That they are two of the Children of Martha Parriott, who was the widow of Christopher Parriott deceased who was a Sargeant in the Revolutionary War and served as follows according to the best of their knowledge and information – to wit, the said Christopher was born in Prince Georges County Maryland and enlisted at Annapolis in said State under Col. Howard [John Eager Howard] of Baltimore & served for three years in the Maryland Line. On receiving his discharge he enlisted for the war & served during the continuation and was discharged sometime in 1782 or 1783, in the latter part of the year. During the War, he was present at an engaged in the following battles, at Trenton [December 26, 1776, at Princeton [January 3, 1777], at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], where he was wounded, at the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] where he was also wounded, at Stony Point [July 16, 1779], and at Yorktown [October 19, 1781]. He was born on the 25th day of March 1755 & was married on the 21st day of January 1781 at Marlborough in Prince Georges County Maryland to Martha Clark of said County and died on the 1st day of October 1820 in Hampshire County Virginia. His widow Martha Parriott survived him living until December 20th 1839, when she died in Marshall County Virginia having never married again – leaving the following children to wit: John Parriott, and Davis (widow), Amelia Turner (widow), Dennis M Parriott and Joseph S Parriott who are the only children left of the said Martha Parriott. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written in open Court before the County Court of Marshall County Virginia

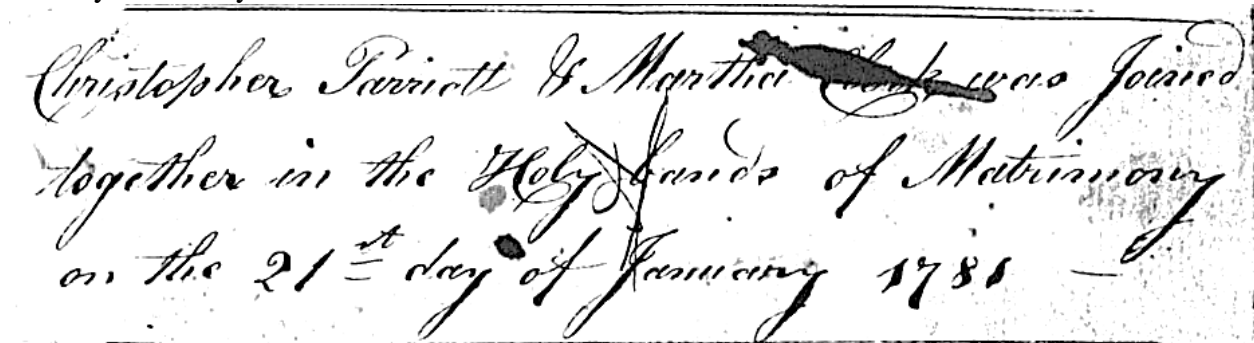
S/ D. M. Parriott

S/ J. S. Parriott



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Christopher Parriott & Martha Clark was Joined together in the Holy bands of Matrimony on the 21st day of January 1781 –



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Land Office, Annapolis, 30th April, 1847

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 28th Instant, was received. In reply, I have to State, That it appears by the muster rolls of the Revolution in this office, that Christopher Parrot [sic], was appointed a sergeant, in the 2nd Maryland Regiment and on the 10th of January 1780 was discharged, – the date of his enlistment, or time he entered the service being blank upon the roll. In the margin of remarks, opposite his name upon said Roll is the following Entry, viz.: "Retained in service to take up Deserters until August '80 by Col. Forrest." – His name also appears upon a Depreciation payroll to have received Depreciation pay issued to the Maryland quota of troops on Continental Establishment. – The records of the Revolution all very imperfect and afford no further evidence of Christopher Parrot[']s service. – I have furnished several certificates in this case, and was recently written to by a Gentleman in Richmond, who informed me that he was the Agent or Attorney for the heir or heirs of Christopher Parrott [sic], and to whom I furnished all the evidence that the records of this office afforded of the service of Christopher Parrott.

I am very respectfully yours
S/ G. G. Brewer

B. Campbell, Esqr.

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Land Office Annapolis 7th August 1848

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 31st ultimo was received. In reply I have to inform you that the certificate sent you a year ago, it shows that Christopher Parrott, was appointed and held only the rank of Sgt. in the Maryland line. – I have called the Treasury and examined the pension roll of this State, and I find, he received a pension from Maryland up to the time of his death in 1822 as a Sergeant, and he does not appear by any paper or record of the Revolution in this office to have held any other rank than that of Sergeant.

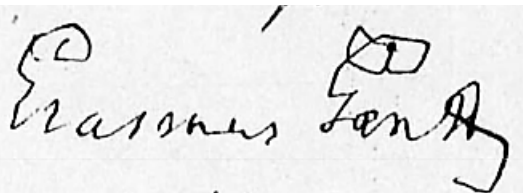
Very respectfully yours
S/ G. G. Brewer

B Campbell, Esqr.

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I do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Christopher Parrott while he was engaged in the recruiting Service in the Continental Army I think about the year 1777 or 78. I know the fact that he was so engaged by frequently hearing others disputing whether he (Parrott) or Jesse Suit were the best recruiting officers, whether he was a commissioned, or a noncommissioned officer, I am not able to state, he was married to a Daughter of Abraham Clarke [sic] of Prince George's County Maryland named Martha either before the close of the revolutionary war, or soon after, at what particular time, I cannot state positively, But from the best of my recollection I believe he was engaged in the service of the United States for several years.

S/ Erasmus Gantt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erasmus Gantt". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Attested in Berkeley County Virginia November 11, 1845]

[p 32 certification by the clerk of court of Prince Georges County Maryland that his records reflect the issuance of a license for the marriage of Christopher Parriott and Martha Clarke having been issued January 17, 1781.]

[p 41: Letter dated Elizabethtown January 4, 1840 addressed to Amelia Turner from Isabella T Parriott in which Isabella refers to Amelia Turner as her aunt and informed her of the death of Isabella's grandmother on December 20 [1839]. She says that her father (not named) was not present at the time his mother died.

Isabella, T, Parriott]

[Veteran's widow's heirs received a pension benefit in the amount of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending December 20, 1839 when she died. The pension benefit was calculated on the veteran's service as a Sergeant for 2 years in the Maryland Continental line.]