

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Parish (Parrish) <sup>1</sup> W2423 Theodosia Parish f54SC  
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North Carolina Lenoir County} SS. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On the 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before John Williams, Craven Metts, Wm C. Loftin Justices of said Court of the County of Lenoir now sitting, Stephen Parish of said County, who will be seventy-five years of age on the \_\_ day of June next; who being 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 enlisted as a private soldier in the regular Army in the year of \_\_ in the Town of Georgetown of South Carolina for the term of 3 years or during the war, and was attached to a company commanded by Southey Rice, of which company John Alexander was Lieutenant. He further states that said company belonged to a Regiment of the South Carolina line of what John Sumpter [sic, probably Thomas Sumter] was Colonel; He remained in Georgetown about ten months and was taken with the yellow fever and placed in the hospital where he remained an invalid for about three months during what time the revolutionary war was terminated. He further states that he has no discharge because at the close of the war and for some time afterwards he was in the hospital as aforesaid. He further states that being now and for a long time a citizen of North Carolina and having enlisted in South Carolina he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services as aforesaid, but states upon his oath, that he did serve as above set forth for the term of eleven [months] and until the close of the revolutionary war. He further states that General Sumter had command of the Brigade to which he belonged. He further states that he served in the militia services in South Carolina in the following manner as he was drafted in the first division in the ~~month~~ fork of Lynches for one month and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Giles. He marched from thence to Moncks Corner and was placed under Colonel John Singleton and remained at Moncks Corner in service till the expiration of the month for which he was drafted. He then became the substitute of his brother for another month in the 2nd division and was marched to the 23 mile house where stationed till the expiration of the 2nd month. He then became the substitute of John Wilson who was drafted in the 3rd division and marched to Purrysburg on Savannah River where remained until the expiration of the 3rd month and was there discharged. He was then drafted in the 9 months service at the forks of Lynches Creek and was attached to a company commanded by George Giles from thence he marched through Camden to Augusta the place of headquarters, where General Marion [Francis Marion] was then in command. He then marched under

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command of Captain Kershaw over the Savannah River to a place called "the seven runs" then he marched to a place between Brier Creek and Spirits Creek where he was in a skirmish with the Tories. Then to Augusta, then to seven runs, where he was discharged after a service of 3 months as first set forth and nine months or last [indecipherable word] in all twelve months in the militia.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Lewis C. Desmond

S/ Stephen Parish, X his Mark

[John Gatlin a ~~clergyman~~, and Peter H. Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Lenoir County: Court of Pleas & quarter sessions April Term 1833

On the first day of April in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Jonathan rouse, William C. Loftin, P. Hardee and C. Metts Justices of said Court being a court of record and now sitting, Stephen Parish of said County (whose declaration is herein set forth) and made the following statement and proof as an amendment to the within declaration and proof being previously his duly sworn according to law for that purpose. That the periods of the revolutionary war in which he served was as to his regular services in the eleven months immediately preceding the close of the war -- and that the termination of his Militia service only preceded his regular service 3 or 4 weeks. -- The dates he does not recollect. In the regular service, he enlisted under Southey Rice and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Sumpter. He further states that there is no clergyman with whom he is acquainted in his neighborhood who has any knowledge of his services as set forth in his declaration though there are a great number of other persons to whom he has referred. The declarant states that he has no documentary evidence of his services, having never received a discharge for his regular services, owing to the fact of his being confined with the yellow fever in the hospital at the close of the war, and he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove said service being now a citizen of North Carolina and having rendered his services in South Carolina. He received discharges from his militia service but has lost them thinking them of no service -- and he further states that he has been to South Carolina for the purpose of obtaining such evidence but has not been able to find any person living by whom he could prove his services.

The following all the answers to the interrogatories propounded by the War Department made by Stephen Parish the within applicant for a pension

1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Sampson County North Carolina in the year 1758. I have a record of my age which I here exhibit in open Court. When called into the militia service I lived on Lynches Creek in South Carolina, and after leaving the militia service in a few weeks I joined the regular service, about 12 months after the war I resided on the great Pedee [River] then removed to Sampson County near where I was born where I remained for short time from thence I removed to Onslow, Greene & Pitt and finally to Lenoir [Counties] where I have lived for the last 7 or 8 years where I now reside. I was drafted in the first tour, in the 2nd I became the substitute of my brother Jeremiah Parish. In the 3rd I became the substitute of John Wilson, and in the 9 months service I was drafted, all of which is more specifically set forth in the within declaration. In the regular service I enlisted. The regular officers who were with the troops were General Marion & Lee, a short time only & General Sumpter -- and with Colonel John Sumpter, I marched from Georgetown to Charleston where I remained a short time and was sent back to Georgetown under the command of Lieutenant Isaac Floyd or Fluwood. The reason why I was sent back to

Georgetown was that the yellow fever was there and the soldiers died so rapidly that it was necessary that other troops should be put there to supply their places. He does not remember the names of the regiments. He had 2 discharges in the militia service one at Augusta [?] and the other at Purrysburg but does not recollect by whom they were signed. They are lost. I refer you to John Washington, John Gatlin, Dallen Caswell, N. G. Blount, Blount Coleman, W. Lovie persons who can testify to my veracity and their belief of my revolutionary services.

S/ Stephen Parish, X his mark

Sworn to in open court and subscribed  
S/ Lewis C. Desmond, Clerk

[p 17: On August 20, 1853 in Lenoir County, NC, Theodosia Parrish, 44, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Stephen Parris; that she married him in the month of November 1835; that he died December 17 1837; that she remains his widow.]

[Widow's maiden name was Theodosia Vines; she survived the Civil War and applied in 1866 to have her pension restored.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$76.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 23 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]