

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Parish W4046

Mary

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State of North Carolina Caswell County: SS: At a Called Court of the County of Caswell
September 26 A.D. 1845

On this the 26th day of September 1845 personally appeared before the Called Court Pleas for the aforesaid County, James Parrish a resident of said County of Caswell aged 40 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to Certain widows:"

The Declarant the said James Parrish status upon his said oath that he has reason to believe and does believe that in the war of the Revolution his deceased father James Parrish aforesaid a Sergeant of Infantry did serve the United States in the Virginia Continental line about nine months as well as he remembers.

That it was said and believed that his deceased father the aforesaid James Parrish was in Colonel Knowles Regiment, and was at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. – His father during the Revolutionary war resided in Lunenburg County Virginia: the Declarant does not remember the names of any of the other officers under whom his father served except that of General Washington. His father has been dead about 30 years, and has heard his father speak of the particulars of his Service, but it has been so many years ago, that he cannot state it with more precision.

That the said James Parrish, Sergeant as aforesaid, did die about 30 years ago leaving a widow Mary Parrish who did not afterwards married, but remained the widow of the aforesaid Sergeant James Parrish till her death.

The Declarant further states upon his said oath that his mother the aforesaid Mary Parrish died on the 18 day of November 1843 leaving the following children her surviving, to wit: ~~Elizabeth B Parrish~~, Mary Parrish, Susan Parrish, Lucy Parrish, Rebecca Parrish and James Parrish all of lawful age.

The said James Parrish Declarant as aforesaid further states that to the best of his understanding and belief he is Deceased father James Parrish was married in the year 1788 that said James Parrish was not married to the aforesaid Mary (Tarpley) prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the one of January 1794 viz.: at the time above stated.

The said James Parrish & Mary Tarpley were married in the County of Lunenburg in Virginia at the date above stated.

This Declarant does not now know of any person living that was present and witnessed the marriage: He has in his possession the original "family Record" of his father in which he

believes to be as it purports a true & genuine Record of said James Parrish's family, a copy of which is herewith sent with the "original Record." Viz.:

James Parrish was born March 12th 1763

Mary Parrish was born July 12, 1768

Elizabeth B Parrish was born January 1 1789

Susanner B. Parrish was born 24 June 1792

Mary Parish was born October 11 1794

Lucy Parrish was born July ? 1797

Sally Parish was born March 4th 1800

Rebecca Parish was born May 16, 1802

James Parish (the Declarant) was born May 27 1805."

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on this the 26th day of September A.D. 1845

S/ James Parish



[f p. 2: family register:

James Parrish was born March the 12th 1763

Mary Parrish was born July the 12th 1768

Elisabeth B. Parrish was born January the 2 1789

Susaner B. Parrish was born June 24th 1792

Mary Parrish was born October the [illegible] 1794

Lucy Parrish was born July the [illegible] 1797

Sary Parrish was born March 4th 1800

Rebahah Parrish was born May the 16 1802

James Parrish was born May the 27 1805]

[f p. 31: Copy of a marriage bond dated March 25, 1788 issued in Lunenburg County Virginia to James Parish & John Parish of said County conditioned upon the marriage of said James Parish and Nancy Tarpley.]

[f p. 34: On August 18, 1846 in Orange County North Carolina, William Tarpley, 74, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the late James Parish of Lunenburg County who married the deponent's sister Mary Tarpley; that deponent was not present at the marriage but is always understood that they were legally married in Lunenburg County in 1785 or 1786.



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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers

of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 22nd day of October 1783, in the name of James Parrish, as a Sergt. of Infantry for £19.14.5, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Towles and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
15th day of October 184__ .

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[The heirs of the veteran's widow were pensioned at the rate of \$94.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending November 18, 1843 when she died based upon one year, 6 months and 25 days service of the veteran as a corporal and 5 months service as a sergeant in the Virginia Continental line. I did not see in this file data supporting the length and nature of the service of this veteran other than the certificate from the Auditor set forth above which does not indicate length of service.]