

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Parret (Parrott) W4108 Anna Parret VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 17 Dec 2020.

State of Ohio Fayette County Ss

On this [blank] day of [blank] 182 [see endnote]. Personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the State and county aforesaid Joseph Parret resident in said county aged sixty six years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Joseph Parret enlisted for the term of one year in the month of December 1775 in the State of Virginia in the company Commanded by Capt. Jonathan Clark [VAS2169] in the regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Muelinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] in the line of of the state of Virginia and the 8 Virginia Regiment on the continetal establishment that he continued to serve in said corps as a privet soldier untill the year 1778 when he was promoted to the office of Lieutenant and duly commissioned as such that he continued to serve in said establishment as leutenant untill the month of November 1781 when he was honorably discharged from the service in Woodstock in the State of Virginia that hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name has not been placed on the pension list and that he applied for a pension in 1820 but did not succede on account of some defect in his declaration and that there have been no material alterations in his property since 18 March 1818.

And in pursuance of the act of 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not, since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

	\$ Cts
(towit) Twenty two Acres of Land worth	55 00
Two inlots in the town of Washington No 50 & 94 . . .	20 00
Three Cows with their calves	28 00
Two ould Waggon	35 00
Two setts of hind geers for waggon	10 00
Eight head of sheep	12 00
Four saddles two bridles two halter Chains	15 00
Two Corner Cupboards	3 00
One silver watch	16 00
One Rifle gun.	16 00
Loom and tackle.	3 00
One Lot of hogs	30 00
Farming utensials	7 00
One Lot old plow Irons	5 00
Lot of Chairs	1 50
Lot of Buckets and Table	2 00
Lot of pot mettale.	10 00
One pare of Stilyards	1 50
Lot of old tools.	2 00
Lot of sundaries	1 00
Six Bee hives	8 00

Note on John Mifford (who is insolvent)	232 00
Elias Lungham judgment (Insolvent)	300 00
N Pope by articles (Insolvent)	135 00
S Kuft note.	20 00
S Smiths note	70 00
N. Torberts Book account	9 00

Total 1049 50

Also Debts owed By me 668 on demand
379 50 good

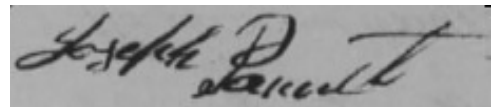
To John Carlisle.	3 40
By Note to Wm. Douglas	30 00
By Note to G. Nashea	10 00
By Note To G Parrott	200 00
By Note To P. Windles Estate	87 00
By Note To P. Trent.	66 00
By Note To T. Boyd.	20 00
By Note to G Woods	10 00
By Note to P. B. Dodrigger	15 00
By Note to Wm. Creighton.	30 00
By Note to S Buck	<u>8 00</u>

Amount of Debts owed by me 479.40

When subtracted from my estate solvent
will Leave me Insolvent 99.90

And the said Joseph Parret further declares that he is by occupation a farmer and that he is unable to follow it that he is afflicted with ruematic pains. That his family consists of himself and wife Sarah Parret aged fifty seven years That she is disabled by age and elness to maintain herself and that he the said Joseph Parret is in such indigent circumstances that he is unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country

I Joseph Parrott aged sixty nine do upon oath testify and declare that I enlisted in December 1775 (being then in my fifteenth year) as a private in the 8th Va Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Col Peter Muhlenberg that in the fall of the year 1777 I was appointed as Leutenant of the said Va Continental line and served as an officer to the close of the war at which time I was a Leutenant. I also further declare that I have never received a warrant from the United States for the Bounty land due me Neither have I ever sold or transferred my right to the same — [The rest is power of attorney to obtain the warrant.] Nineteenth of November 1829

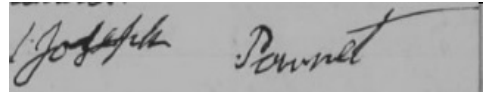


The State of Ohio Clinton County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Joseph Parrott, Sen. who being duly sworn on his oath says that about the 25th day of December AD 1777 he was appointed by Genl. George Washington, a purchasing commissary to buy provisions & clothing for the Army then stationed at or near the valley forge in Pennsylvania, and that he served in that capacity to the end of the war, had during that period large sums of money placed in his charge to buy provisions & clothing for the army, that at the time he received the above appointment he ranked and bore the commission of a Lieutenant in the Army, in the virginia line on continental establishment; that he

continued in the Army until the close of the war, during the whole of his service he bore the rank of a Lieutenant.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of April 1845

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

The State of Ohio Fayette, S.S. [9 Apr 1845]

Personally Appeared Before Me, E. H. Crow A Justice of the Peace in and for said County Adam Allen Sen'r. A Revolutionary Pensioner who now resides in the aforesaid County who being Duly Sworn Depose and saith that in the year One thousand seven Hundred and Seventy Seven December the 25th or thereabouts in said year that he was in company with Joseph Parrett Sen'r. A Revolutionary Pensioner who now resides in Clinton County Ohio said Joseph Parrett Sen'r. was ordered out By General George Washington to Procure Provisions and Clothing for the Army then Stationed at the valley forge in Pennsylvania and the said Adam Allen Sen'r. further states that he himself was one of the Guard to Guard the waggon up to little york in Pennsylvania that had the money to Purchase the Provisions and Cloathing for said Armeey and further this Deponent saith not Adam hisXmark Allen Sen'r.

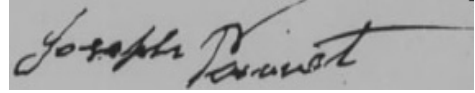
The State of Ohio [28 Apr 1845]

Highland County SS. Personally appeared before the undersigned an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid George Spickard, a Revolutionary pensioner [S4880] who served in the virginia line on Continental establishment, and upon his solem oath he first being duly sworn, deposes and says that he was well acquainted with Joseph Parratt, a lieutenant in the Virginia line, in the Revolutionary War, that he entered into the service in the year 1776 that at that time said Joseph Parrott was in the army and held the rank of a lieutenant, that this affiant served until the year 1782 that he served in the same Regiment that said Joseph Parrott served in, that he was personally & intimately acquainted with said Joseph Parrott from the time he entered into the war or army until the close of the same that while the army was stationed at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania the said Joseph Parrott was by Genl. George Washington, the Commander in Chief appointed to the office or station of a perchashing commissary of provisions & clothing for the army, that money was placed in the hands of said Joseph Parrott for that purpose, and this affiant well knows that said Joseph Parrott, from the time of his appointment which as near as this affiant can recollect was in the month of December 1777, acted as a perchashing commissary for the army from that time until the close of the war that this affiant and said Joseph Parrott were both discharged from the service at the same time & were both in the battle at the taking of Lord Cornwallace and his Army [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], that he is also well acquainted with Adam Allen, a Revolutionary pensioner, now resident of Fayette County Ohio, that said Adam Allen served as soldier in the Virginia line &c. in the same Regiment as this affiant, he entered into the service at same time this affiant did & served to the close of the war [sic: see endnote] and further this affiant saith not George hisXmark Spickard

The State of Ohio SS
Clinton County

On this 9th day of September AD. 1845 personally appeared before me James Killin, a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, Joseph Parrott, a resident of said County, who being first duly Sworn as the law directs, on his solem oath states and says that he is now in the receipt of a Revolutionary pension under Act of May 15, 1828 as a Lieutenant of the Virginia continental line at the rate of \$320 per annum and received the semiannual payment on the 3^d day of September A.D. 1845. And this affiant declares further that on or about the 25th day of December 1777 he received an appointment from Genl. George Washington as a purchasing Commissary for the purchase of provissions and clothing for the Army then stationed at or near Valley Forge in Pennsylvania; and still holding the Rank of Lieutenant in the line, that the duty he discharged under this appointment as a purchasing commissary was frequently arduous and attended with much danger and that while in discharge of said duty he found his own Horse,

which died in the service, and never received pay or compensation. that from the time of his appointment as a purchasing Commissary he continued to perform said Service until the close of the war, and for said service he was allowed two dollars a day for the time he filled said office. Now the object of this declaration being made is in order to assert a claim to a pension under Act 7 June 1832 on account of my services as a purchasing Commissary of provisions & clothing at the rate of \$600 pr. annum, and to relinquish the act of 1828 for the benefit of the act now claimed.



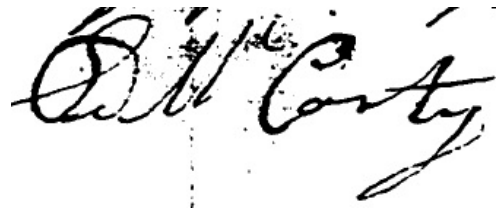
[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Joseph Parrott was a Serjeant in the 8th Virg'a Regiment, commanded by Colo Abraham Bowman [W396] in the Virginia Continental line in the year 1777 but know not when he entered the Service, how long he served, nor when discharged.

James Curry [S44230] late
Capt 4th Virg'a Reg't
Chillicothe Dec'r 15th 1812



I Edward McCarty of Hampshire County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Joseph Parrott was a private in the 8th Virginia Regiment in the years 1776, 1777, & 1778 That I left the army early in the year 1778 and returned in the year 1780 when the said Joseph Parrott had been advanced to a Lieutenantcy. Given under my and this 2^d day of January 1813. E McCarty



[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]


To His Excellency, Littleton W. Tazewell./ Governor of the State of Virginia
Your Petitioner, Joseph Parret, of Fayette County in the State of Ohio, a soldier of the Revolution, respectfully states, that before he was fifteen years of age, he enlisted as a private in the Virginia Continental Line about the month of December 1775, under Capt. Jonathan Clark and in his company, in Col. Peter Mullenburg's Regiment, viz. the 8th Regiment, in General Charles Scott's [BLWt2055-850] Brigade. At this time he was at his fathers residence in Shenandoah County Virginia where he was born & raised, until the time of his enlisting. He further States, that shortly afterwards, viz. on the 22nd day of March succeeding he was marched for Charleston by the way of Norfolk Virginia; which last named town was burnt before the company in which he served arrived [on 1 Jan 1776]. He further states that he continued in the service in Capt Clarks Company with some few intervals until the latter part of the year 1777 or the first part of the year 1778 at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – a part of this time, Col. Mullenburg having promoted [21 Feb 1777] – the command of his regiment devolved upon Col. Abram Bowman. During this service of our petitioner under the said captain and other officers he was in several engagements and many skirmishes, with the British, and whilst he remained at Charlestown he was in an active engagement of about 8 hours in the Fort on Sullivan's Island a that place [28 Jun 1776], in the heat of battle, and in which the British were defeated. He was then marched to Philadelphia, where he remained about two months in and about the City, suffering greatly from Small Pox and other diseases incident to the services. He was there selected by General Morgan of Virginia, on account of his skill as a rifleman, as one of a Company under his command, and proceeded to Ticonderoga, with the aim of engaging the enemy at that place, but Burgoyne was captured before he arrived [at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777]; and when within one days march of his place of destination, he was order [part missing from bottom of page]

effectually. He was ordered from thence to the scene of the battle of Brandywine [sic: 11 Sep 1777], where he engaged in the midst of that battle, and being a first rate marksman, and selected by Genl Morgan for his expert use of the rifle, he used his gun with great effect and success – having shot away his entire stock of ammunition, which comprized 22 rifle balls, and got another supply of ammunition whilst the battle lasted, and continued in the midst of the engagement until the retreat of the American Army to the west of the Schuylkill river.

Your petitioner further states that he was then returned to the Company of Capt. Clark and was almost daily engaged in skirmishes with the enemy until the Battle of Germantown. On the morning of the day upon which that Battle was fought, Major Johnson, Brigade Inspector, attached to General Scott's Brigade, requested your Petitioner and one other of the privates, to bear him from the field of Battle and take care of him, if he should be wounded, and not let him fall into the hands of the enemy. And as they were going into battle the request was repeated – and not long after the engagement commenced, Major Johnson's horse was shot down and he, himself, wounded by a ball through the knee – whereupon he called upon you petitioner and his fellow soldier, who were near him, to bear him from the field. This they did successfully – and carried him where he was safe from further injury. Your petitioner and his companion in arms then returned, and in the midst of the battle resumed their positions in the line. He was soon afterwards disabled by a wound in the right leg, just above the ancle, and it was with the greatest difficulty he secured himself during the retreat. For his bravery, and good conduct in this engagement Genl. Scott assured him he should be promoted. The Company again assembled at Chesnut hill [sic: Chestnut Hill], where he remained until he could walk. He then proceeded to Germantown (then left by the British) and was again selected as one of the Rifle Company under Morgan. He was subsequent [part missing from bottom of page] his stay at Germantown, he was requested by Genl. Washington, who knew that he (your petitioner) could speak and write the German Language well, to write to the Hessians, attached to the British Army, and induce them to leave the British & and come over to our side, to come into our rich Country, and unite with us and till our lands – accordingly your petitioner wrote to them and feels confident that he was in that way the means of causing[?] scores if not hundreds of the Hessians deserting the British Army, and uniting with us. About this time Your Petitioner received a Commission as Lieutenant of Infantry under Capt Kirtley [see endnote]. He then marched to the West in that capacity, and was for a considerable time under the command of said Kirtley and Genl. McIntosh. He proceeded west as far as the Tuscarawas river, one or two hundred miles west of the present scite of Wheeling encountering the greatest dangers and hardships – [undeciphered word] and privations. [see endnote] Upon his return to Virginia after an absence of some months, he received orders to join the army under Gen. George Rogers Clark [VAS269], and marched in Captain Kirtley's Regiment to Harrodsburg in Kentucky where the forces under Clark's command were ordered to repair and continued there until some time in the latter part of the year 1779 or 1780 when he was again ordered back to Virginia. Upon his return, your petitioner further states that his company was ordered to the lower part of Virginia to meet Cornwallis [arrived spring 1781], but before the Company started on this expedition, Capt. Kirtley died – when the command of the same devolved upon your petitioner and he continued to command said Company until the close of the war. He proceeded forthwith to the Roanoke[?] Country and was in frequent engagements during the year. Before the siege of Yorktown [28 Sep 19 Oct 1781] he was personally ordered by General Washington to proceed to Shenandoah County, and bring the militia of that County [undeciphered] 3 in 5 of them [part missing at bottom of page] [Corn]wallis he was ordered to aid in guarding the Prisoners to Winchester, Virginia, and with the Company he commanded he aided in that duty, and regularly and faithfully attended to all his other duties as a soldier, until the close of the war. He has no documentary evidence in his possession, but states that such as he had are long since lost or destroyed. I do humbly prays for such further compensation in land (having received in he year 1813 a military Land Warrant for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres) or for such commutation pay or half pay as his services may entitle him to, and as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

[7 Oct 1834]

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NOTES:

The federal file includes a virtual duplicate of the first application above, dated 29 Sep 1826, but without the schedule of property.

On 26 July 1828 Joseph Parret applied for bounty land from the United States.

George Spickard stated that Adam Allen "served as soldier in the Virginia line &c. in the same Regiment as [Spickard] did & served to the close of the war." In his pension application S44295, however, Adam Allen stated that he served in the Pennsylvania Line and was discharged in 1779.

The only known Capt. Kirtley was William Kirtley, who served in the Convention Army Guard Regiment near Charlottesville and not as stated by Parret.

The expedition to Tuscarawas River in present Ohio ordered by Gen. Lachlan McIntosh must have occurred between November 1778 and August 1779.

On 9 Sep 1851 Anna "Parrott," 68 of Clinton County OH applied for bounty land for 40 days service by her husband, Joseph Parret, as an Adjutant in the Third Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division of the Ohio Militia commanded by Col. James Stewart in the War of 1812. She stated that as Anna Heartman she married Joseph Parret in Clinton County on 7 Sep 1837, and he died 28 Aug 1847 at age 88. On another application dated 21 Apr 1855, and on a copy of the marriage record, her maiden name is spelled Hartman. On 18 May 1859 at age 74 she applied again for bounty land for her late husband's service in the War of 1812. On 12 Feb 1853 and on 5 July 1862 at age 81 she applied for additional bounty land for her late husband's service in the Revolutionary War.

Documents in the file refer to Friederick Parratt, brother of Joseph Parret.