

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Parmer (Palmer) W5476 Sarah f66VA
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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. 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 fails 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 errors or omissions to my attention.]

[f p. 30]

I do, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that William Palmer of Orange, about 30 years of Age, late a Corporal in the 10th Virginia Regiment, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the United States as to entitle him to the sum of fifteen pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him to commence from the 1st day of January 1786.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 8th day of November 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry, Governor at the time]

The above is a copy of an original Certificate granted by the Governor of Virginia to William Palmer.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 15th day of June 1809

S/ Tho. Tyler

District of Kentucky, SS

On this ___ day of October 1818, before me the subscribe Sole Judge of the Franklin Circuit Court & 4th Judicial District for said district, personally appeared William Parmer age 61 years, resident in Fayette County in said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said William Parmer enlisted in Prince William County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Johnson of the 10th Virginia Regiment where [he] acted in the Capacity of Corporal Commanded by Colonel ~~Morgan~~ Feebirher [Christian Febiger] of the Corps being commanded by Brigadier General William Woodford in the year 1776 or thereabouts; that he continued to serve in the said Court, when the service of the United States until the 11th day of September 1777 upwards of nine months, when he was taken prisoner at the battle of Brandywine, that he was in the battles of Brunswick [June 22, 1777], Brandywine where he lost his leg and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Silas M. Noel, S. Judge

I William Parmer do hereby relinquish my former Pension of \$6.66 2/3, heretofore paid to me as a Pensioner of the Roll of the Virginia Agency

S Wm Parmer, X his mark

At Fayette County to wit September Court 1820

On motion of William Parmer who produced in court his pension Schedule and certificate which was sworn to It is ordered that the same be recorded and certified to the Secretary of the War Department which is in the following words to wit

Schedule

District of Kentucky, Fayette County Court: SS

On this 11th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said district, and Fayette County, having by act of Assembly, its proceedings admitted to record and possessing power to fine and imprison for content, William Parmer age 64 years resident in Woodford County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted in Prince William County Virginia under Captain William Johnson of the 10th Virginia Regiment, on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Morgan [presumably Daniel Morgan], (afterwards by Phebecker as arranged after the battle of Brandywine) in the year 1776, for three years or during the war – Serve till the action of Brandywine aforesaid, when he lost his right leg in battle and was taken prisoner by the British – He was also at Brunswick and served smaller engagements before that time – General William Woodford commander of the Brigade at Brandywine. And 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval 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. One horse saddle and bridle \$1 – I have lately married a wife possessed of some property, belonging to her children but to which I have no claim or title – Occupation formally was a blacksmith, but I have been unable to work at the same for several years owing to my eyesight failing me &c &c

My family consists of my wife and her child as follows, Richard who is nearly of age. I have no debts due me except what is coming for a pension from the United States and Virginia to which I think I am justly entitled and I owe about \$15.

S William Parmer, X his mark

[f p. 15: On May 1, 1826 in Posey County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency giving as his reason for moving to that state to reside with his eldest daughter.]

[f p. 22]

County of Posey SS:

On this 1st day of May 1826 Personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record for the County of Posey in the State of Indiana expressly made a court of Record by the laws of the State of Indiana which created it) William Parmer resident in said County aged 66 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 acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May

1820, that he the said William Parmer enlisted for the term of three years or during the war in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Johnson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fabater in the line of the State of Virginia on the American Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 11th day of September 1777 when he was discharged from the Service in consequence of receiving a wound in his right leg which was amputated in a few days afterwards which wound he received in the Battle of Brandywine that his name has been placed on the pension list at the rate of \$96 per annum and reduced to \$80 per annum on account of his property.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval 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 to wit, one mare four years old with a young colt – one horse three years old – and one bridle and saddle and one silver watch – that I am a blacksmith by trade but am unable to pursue it that I have no family residing with me. That since the exhibition of my first Schedule the following changes have been made in my property to wit, all the property been exhibited by me was an estate owned by my wife during her life, and at her death, belonging to the heirs of her first husband and on the 8th of October 1824 my wife died and all the property he then belonging to the estate of my wife's first husband was taken by the heirs and legatees.

S/ William Parmer, X his mark

[f p. 13: On April 15, 1843 in Orange County Virginia, Sarah Palmer or Parmer, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Palmer or Parmer a revolutionary war pensioner; That before he died he tried to get his pension transferred to the Kentucky agency having returned there with his son-in-law; that she married him in Orange County Virginia in the month of May 1781; that they were married by Parson Sanders and that her husband died about 15 years ago. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 27]

Bow Greem Va. July 19th, 1843

Dear Sir,

Some time since I received a letter from your department in which mention is made of Mrs. Parmer and I am asked why I had suppressed some of the facts in relation to the marriage of her husband William Parmer to some woman in Kentucky – I replied to that letter informing you that I had suppressed nothing in my communication to you in relation to the supposed second marriage. Since writing that letter I have heard it said that the said Parmer was supposed to have had a concubine or concubines in Kentucky but since even a second marriage would be void and as everything is fully proved even to your satisfaction as I judge from the letter I would be glad to know if you intend to reject the petition of Mrs. Parmer of Orange County Virginia. Please let me hear from you.

Varying Respectfully
Francis V Sutton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 29, 1818, for service as a Corporal for 9 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: Relating to "William Palmer"]

This is to Certify that William Palmer [part of image missing] receives a pension from the Country for the loss of his [part of image missing] in the Action of Brandy Wine on the 11th of September 1777 [part of image missing] S/ John Spot [part of image missing] ood Nov. 2, 178 [part of image missing] I have this day seen the sd. Wm Palmer w [part of image missing] will S/ Jas Go [part of image missing] Jur.

[image of the document in the federal pension file signed by Gov. Patrick Henry]

I DO, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that *William Palmer* of Orange, about 30 years of age, late a *Private* in the *10th Virg. Regiment* *Corporal*, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of *The United States*, as to entitle him to the sum of *Fifteen Pounds* yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the *first* day of *January* 1786 **GIVEN** under my hand at Richmond, this *8th* day of *November* 1786

P. Henry