

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Parish W5478

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State of Virginia, Brunswick County to wit

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Brunswick County, now sitting, John Parish a resident of Meherrin Parish in the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia aged eighty-two 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in July 1777 and served a Tour of six weeks under Captain Joseph Pables [Joseph Peebles?] and went to Norfolk, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Frederick Maclin until the arrival of General Nelson who took the Command. That in the year 1781 he served a tour of 3 months as a substitute for William Stainback, under Captain Edmond Wilkins, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fleming [perhaps Charles Fleming] and General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] the Commanding Officer, that he was the Wagon master for Fleming's Regiment and was discharged the 9th day of April of the same year 1781. That in the year 1780 he served a Tour of six weeks as a substitute for John Turbyfille [John Turberville?] under Captain James Marshall, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Richard Elliott. That he served a tour of six weeks as a volunteer under Captain John Hide [?] guarding James River and was discharged by Patrick Henry the then Governor of Virginia. That he was in no battle, and remained in Virginia, that his tours of service were performed in the lower part of the State and guarding James River. That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services but recollects that Joseph Seward, Thomas Delbridge, David Wallton and William Stainback were either in the Service with him, or no of the acts above stated and that they now reside in the County of Brunswick.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Paris, X his mark

[John Pritchett, a clergyman, and Joseph Seward gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 14: On September 23, 1833, the veteran filed another application in which she states in relevant part the following: "that he enlisted as a volunteer in the service of the United States in July 1777 and served a tour of 6 weeks under Captain Joseph Peebles in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Maclin commanding Officer General Nelson. That in the year 1780 he entered the service as a substitute for John Turbyfell under Captain James Marshall the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Elliott and served a tour of 6 weeks, no other field officer recollected. That in the year 1781 he served a Tour of 3 months under Captain Edmond

Wilkins as a substitute for William Stainback, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fleming, he was appointed wagon master in said Regiment, and was discharged the 9th day of April 1781, but has lost or mislaid the said discharge, General Muhlenberg the Commanding officer. That he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain John Hides and served a Tour of 6 weeks, the year not recollected but was discharged by Patrick Henry did then Governor of Virginia; That he was in no battle, was not marched out of Virginia & that his tours of service were performed at Norfolk and on James River – That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services; that Joseph Seward named in his former declaration hath departed his life William Stainback is in his dotage and Thomas Delbridge & David Wallton have removed to the Western country. He knows of no other person by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid."

S/ John Parish, X his mark

[Lilly Orgain, a clergyman, and John Manning gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 28]

The affidavit of Sherod Smith¹ aged 72 taken in Mason's Hall at Lawrenceville, Brunswick County Virginia before John Wyche one of the Commonwealth's justices of the peace in & for the said County – The said affiant being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God saith that he has been acquainted with John Parish now present ever since the year 1777 – That in that year he served with him a Tower [tour] of 6 weeks in the Virginia Militia in the Regiment then commanded by Colonel Frederick Macklin and in Captain Joseph Peebles' Company – This affiant well recollects that the said John Parish was attached to the said company & Regiment during the whole 6 weeks & performed his duty as a Soldier in a good exemplary manner –

And further that in the year 1781 this affiant served a tour of 3 months in the Virginia militia. That himself and the said Parish did not in this as in the former Tour belonged to the same Company. Affiant going from Mecklenburg County to perform this last tour but he knows distinctly that the said Parish was out on duty with the Brunswick militia during the said 3 months as they saw each other every week during that time – Serving as well as now recollected in the same Regiment though in different Companies – Given under the said affiant's hand

S/ Sherod Smith, X his mark

[f p. 29]

I Richard Fletcher² a justice of the peace for the County of Brunswick do certify that I have been acquainted with John Parish of the said County ever since 1777 and that in that year I served a Tour of 6 weeks in the Virginia Militia in the Regiment then commanded by Colonel Frederick Macklin with John Parish and I further state that in the year 1780 or 1781 I served a Tour of 3 months with the said Parish in the Virginia militia commanded by General Robert Lawson and that he performed his duty in an exemplary manner as far as I know or believe. Given under my hand this 8th day of August 1833

S/ Rich'd Fletcher, JP

¹ Sic, [Sherwood Smith S1591](#)

² FPA S8481

[f p. 10: On March 21, 1842 in Brunswick County Virginia, Mrs. Rebecca Parish, 76, widow of John Parish, filed for her pension as his widow under the 1836 act stating that she married him in Brunswick County she believes in 1781; that they were married by Parson Landie; that her husband died February 5, 1836 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months & 6 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]