

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Parham W5524

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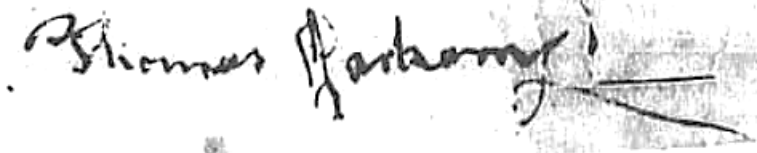
State of North Carolina County of Granville } Sa.

On this 10th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, now sitting, Thomas Parham a resident of the County aforesaid aged about seventy 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 was born in the County of Granville & State aforesaid in the year 1763 as he thinks -- the evidence of his age on which he relies is an entry in a family Bible now in his possession -- that he has always lived in this County both before & since the Revolution -- That he entered the Army of the United States in the war of the Revolution in the year 1779 as well as he now recollects, -- that he was drafted in a company of militia at Granville Court House under one Captain Isham Harris. One Moore was Lieutenant -- his other company officers he does not recollect -- He marched to Hillsboro & then joined the regiment of which William Moore was Colonel -- & another person of the same name was Major -- & one John Howard was Adjutant -- General John Butler was in command of that place -- He thinks that Major Sharpe [perhaps Anthony Sharpe] & Captain Donoho [Thomas Donoho] were officers in the regular service at that time. He marched westwardly to Salisbury & then to the Catawba [River] & on the Waxhaws, & in that Country served out his tour of three months & received his discharge at a place called Bell's Mills on Deep River, from his Captain & signed he thinks by General Butler -- but not considering it of any value he did not preserve it -- After remaining at home about six months he was again drafted at Granville Court House under one Captain Harrison [Richard Harrison]. His Colonel was Yancey -- and one Alexander Mebane was likewise Colonel & General Butler was also in command. His Regiment marched up the Country & joined the Main Army under General Greene a few days before the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], but he does not now recollect place in which the Junction was made. He continued with the Army & was in the Battle of Guilford through a part of the action. After the action he marched under the same officers to a place called Ramsey's Mills. He had then been in the militia in this tour but about 2 or 3 weeks, when at Ramsey's Mills he was persuaded to enlist in the Continental service which he did, under a Captain Smith [Robert Smith] for the space of 12 months. From Ramsey's Mills he marched under Captain Smith into South Carolina towards Camden -- and attacked a small Fort called Motts Fort [Fort Motte, May 7, 1781] on the Congaree [River] which was occupied by the British & Negroes and Tories & took it after 8 or 10 days. Colonel Lee [Henry

["Light Horse Harry"] Lee] & Colonel Read commanded when the Fort was taken -- & One Major Eaton [Pinketham Eaton] was killed.¹ They took the prisoners & marched across the Savannah River to Augusta & being reinforced attacked a Fort at or near that place called Brown's Fort & after a considerable time succeeded in reducing it.² He does not recollect the name of the General in command at that place, but he remembers Colonels Lee & Read, & Captain Nelson who had taken the place of Captain Smith. His lieutenants were Huggins or Hadgins & Sanders [William Saunders (a/k/a William Sanders served as a lieutenant in the 1st NC Regiment)]. After the Fort was reduced they recrossed the River & marched to join General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at Ninety Six -- At this place the enemy came out and had a slight skirmish with a part of our forces horse but driven back into the Fort. This, before that place was reduced, was ordered under a Captain Lytle [William Lytle] to guard the prisoners to Salisbury in North Carolina. After the prisoners were removed, & a part of our forces who guarded them had been marched back into South Carolina, this affiant under Captain Armstrong was detained in Salisbury to take charge of a Magazine in that place. He remained there until the whole of his term of enlistment except 2 months had expired when he was taken sick with the ague & fever. His Father hearing of his illness came to Salisbury & prevailed on Captain Armstrong to take a substitute in the place of this affiant. He received a certificate from his Captain stating the facts above related but he does not know what has become of it. He knows of but one man, Shadrach Owen,³ alive who knows anything of the actual service of this affiant. He had prepared his affidavit & went with him to the Court House at an early day in this court to have it certified according to law, but the court had adjourned before they reached the court house -- and Owen would not consent to remain for another day -- This affiant hopes to procure his testimony hereafter to be forwarded to the department if it should be required. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatsoever to any and every pension or annuity except the present, & he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Parham

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

[Shadrach Parrish, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina County of Granville: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

Personally appeared in open court Kennon Parham of said County who being duly sworn according to law deposes & saith as follows -- That he is well acquainted with Thomas Parham who has subscribed to the foregoing declaration -- that he is about 72 years of age, that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that he concurs in that opinion.

¹ Eaton was actually killed at the Siege of Augusta, not at Fort Motte

² Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

³ [Shadrach Owen \(Owens\) W5459](#)

S/ Kennon Parham⁴, X his mark

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State of North Carolina County of Granville: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term A.D. 1833

Personally appeared in open Court Thomas Parham an inhabitant of said County aged about seventy-one years who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith as follows --

That he is the same person who subscribed & sworn to a Declaration on the 10th day of August 1832, for the purpose of procuring a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, which declaration was duly sent on to the war Department, setting forth the services of this Declarant in the Militia & especially in the regular Army, & has been returned to the said Declarant with the objection that his name cannot be found on the rolls & requiring further proof -- The said Declaration is here with returned to the war Department with the affidavit of Shadrach Owen & the following explanations which the Declarant begs leave to make as to the nature of his service in the War of the Revolution. --

This Declarant in the annexed declaration did not specify accurately the nature of the service in which he enlisted -- He now states that to the best of his knowledge & believe he enlisted in a Virginia Regiment of which Colonel Lee was the Commandant. -- he was engaged constantly in the line, & from the fact that some of the troops were called the Maryland troops he has thought it possible, he might have enlisted with them. -- There was a Major Crump, & Captain Finley in the regular service, both of whom he recollects to have seen, & he thinks they were attached to the same Regiment --

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Thomas Parham

S/ B. Bullock, JP

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State of North Carolina County of Granville: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions February term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court, Shadrach Owen and aged inhabitant of said County who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith -- that he knows that Thomas Parham who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing Declaration, & well recollects to have seen the said Parham in the Army of the Revolution, upon the Savannah River said Parham was attached to the Regular service & this affiant to the Militia. He saw him at intervals for 4 or 5 months, in the service, but he cannot speak accurately as to the date--& further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court & the said court certifies that said Shadrach Owen is a credible person.

S/ B. Bullock, JP

S/ Shadrach Owen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shadrach Owen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Shadrach Owen".

[p 8: On August 7, 1841 in Granville County North Carolina, Agnes Parham, 76, filed for a

⁴ [Kennon Parham R7924](#)

widow's pension as the widow of Thomas Parham; she states that she married him sometime in the month of April 1785; that Thomas Parham died on or about the 24th day of November 1834 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: is a copy of the marriage bond given to secure the marriage of Thomas Parham to Agnes Hicks dated April 19 1785 and issued in Granville County North Carolina.]

[p 9: On August 7, 1841 in Granville County North Carolina, Cannon Parham gave testimony that the veteran and his wife were married in 1785, affiant thinks in the month of April; that the affiant was present at their marriage; that affiant signed the marriage bond as one of the securities; that the wedding ceremony was conducted by the Zachariah Higgs a Justice of the peace; and that the widow remains unmarried. He signed his affidavit with his mark. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina Continental line and militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]