

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of James Parker W6853
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State of Virginia, County of Hampshire

On this 22nd day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Hampshire – Court of unlimited Jurisdiction in all cases in law & equity now sitting James Parker a resident of said County aged 73 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 7, 1832.

That in the year 1778 he was drafted in the said County of Hampshire and marched from said County in a company commanded by Captain Abraham Johnson and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Riddle & Major Vanmeter [perhaps Garrett Vanmeter or Vanmetre], that they marched to the mouth of Beaver [River] near Pittsburgh, where they built a fort which was then called fort McIntosh (now Beaver town), the whole force employed was under the command of General McIntosh after this we marched to a stream called Tuscarawas on the head waters of the Muskingdom [sic, Muskingum River] there another fort was built & called fort Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens] after this we returned home, this draft was for six months that for one month after he was employed as a waggoner in the service of the militia, that after this in the year 1781 he was again drafted and marched in a company commanded by Captain Edward McCarty on the 13th July from Romney [?]¹ to Williamsburg and was engaged in the neighborhood until his term of service expired and that he thinks he was in service for about three months at this time, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the affidavit of Henry Purgett² hereto annexed.

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.

S/ James Parker



Sworn to in Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[Thomas Cass Kadden [Thomas Carskadon?] and Frederick Shutz gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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2 [Henry Purgett S18170](#)

1st When and in what year were you born?

Answer: in Middletown Maryland in the year 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have a record & believe it is at my house now

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: During the whole period in Hampshire County

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was ~~drafted~~ in my fathers place who was drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I know Colonel Crawford who was afterwards earned by the Indians, I also knew Colonel Mathews & Major Isby I think they & Colonel Morrow [?] with whom I was also acquainted were in the regular service. I don't recollect the names or numbers of any of the Regiments. The residue of this question is answered in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I received two discharges in writing but have lost them

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: Frederick Shutz, Samuel Cockerill [?] and Thomas Casskaden [sic, Thomas Carskadon?] Esqr. & all who know me.

Hampshire County

Henry Purgett this day made oath before me that he is well acquainted with James Parker an applicant for a pension that he knows he was in the Service as stated by said Parker in McIntosh's Campaign because this affiant messed with said Parker & served with him during said tour.

Given under my hand this 16 April 1833

S/ Daniel Gibson

[f p. 21: On September 5, 1843, Rebecca Parker, 81, filed in Hampshire County for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of James Parker, a pensioner at the rate of \$28.33/annum; that she married him in December 1782; that James died April 15, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: her maiden name was Rebecca or Rebeckah Wolf, born July 20 or 28, 1761;

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James Parker, the Father of the hereinafter Mentioned Children was Born July 25th 1759

And Rebeheha Rolf [? very faint] His Wife was born July the 20th Day 1761

Absalom born November 10[?], 1782

Margaret born __ 15, 1784

Johnathan [sic, Jonathan?] born October 31, 1785

George born July 1, 1787

Mary Esther born April 13, 1789

David born June 6, 1791

Thornton born December 3, 1793

Elizabeth born August 9 [?], 1794

Benjamin born March 26, 1796

James born December 10 or 18, 1798

Hannaha [sic, Hannah?] born December 30, 1800
Ashford born September 20, 1802
Isabel Adams born June 3, 1804]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 1/2 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned that a like amount.]