

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Parham ¹ W809 Sarah Parham f49NC
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State of Kentucky Madison County } Sct.

On this 13th day of August 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before William Goodloe, ~~Jacob S. White~~, Joseph Turner, & James Dejarnett Justices of the County Court of Madison County, now sitting Thomas Parham a resident of Otter Creek in the State and County aforesaid, who was born in North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County in the State of North Carolina in August 1764 and removed when very young to Granville County in the same State as his Mother informed him there being no register of his age -- 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 in the year 1779 -- he being then but 15 years old as he verily believes was drafted into the service of the United States as a militia man & served in Captain William Gill's Company Colonel Lytle's [Archibald Lytle's] Regiment General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade, under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. That he first marched from Granville County to Salisbury in the same State thence to the 10 mile house in South Carolina near Charlestown. Thence to the vicinity of Savannah River Purrysburg, Stewsberry [sic, Sunbury?] &c &c and was finally after 5 months service discharged by Captain Gill near Savannah River which discharge is lost. That in the year 1781 in the County of Granville he volunteered in the Militia in Captain Harrison's [Richard Harrison's] Company, Colonel Joseph Taylor's Regiment General Butler's [John Butler's] Brigade under General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and was with Greene's wagons in sight of the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] & with them retreated to ~~Troublesome iron works~~ Speedwell's Iron Works about ten miles until after 3 months service he was discharged by General Butler which discharge is lost -- That afterwards to clear himself of three months tour of Militia Duty he enlisted under Captain Birdsong [Batt Birdsong] and served 3 months in the Commissary's Department and was Discharged by Colonel Nicholas Long which discharge is also lost. That he continued to live in Granville County in the State of North Carolina until the fall of 1788 -- and then moved to Madison County in the State of Kentucky where he has resided ever since. In his present neighborhood he refers to Valentine Tudor & David White who have known him from his infancy & the Reverend John Pace & William Goodloe Esquire who he presumes will testify to his veracity & their belief that he served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution they having known him for more than 30 years he hereby relinquishes every claim

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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 he knows of no person by whom he can prove the time that he served.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Parham, X his mark

[John Pace, a clergyman, and William Goodloe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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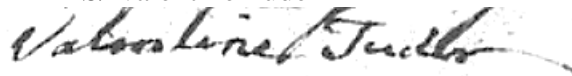
State of Kentucky Madison County

On this 7th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Richard August, John Hawkins & Henry Goodloe Justices of the County Court of Madison County now sitting Thomas Parham a resident of the County & state aforesaid who first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That in his second tour of duty he was with Greens Wagons at the battle of Guilford as a guard. That he marched with Greens Army from Speedwell's Iron Works to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River where he remained until he was discharged by the proper officers. That in the fall of 1781 he enlisted for his third tour of duty at Harrisburg Granville County North Carolina under the officers named in his Original declaration & went to Prohawks Mill [sic, Frohock's Mill] near Salisbury NC with military stores again returned to Harrisburg & then went to Halifax North Carolina with military stores & was thus engaged until the expiration of three months, the term of his enlistment until he was discharged as stated in his original Declaration. Sworn to & subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Parham, X his mark

Valentine Tudor² a resident of Madison County & State of Kentucky aged 67 [last digit unclear] years states that he first became acquainted with the above Thomas Parham in Granville County State of North Carolina when they were boys -- that he never served in each tour of duty with the said Parham, that he recollects, but that his recollection & belief is that the said Thomas Parham served in the war of the Revolution as detailed in his original & Supplemental Declaration. Sworn to & subscribed this 7th day of January 1833

S/ Valentine Tudor



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David White a resident of Madison County Kentucky aged 76 years states that he knew Thomas Parham in Granville County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War, knows of his own knowledge that said Parham was in Harrison's company at the battle of Guilford as above stated. I saw him a little before the battle commenced. He also states that from his best recollection & belief, that the said Parham served as stated in the first & third tours stated. He also knows of his own knowledge, that said Parham was in Greene's Army at Ramsey's mill. I knew said Parham well. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ David White, X his mark

[p 10: On June 17, 1853 in Madison County Kentucky, Sarah Parham, 58, filed for a widow's

² [Valentine Tudor S30755](#)

pension stating that she is the widow of Thomas Parham, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum; that she married him in Madison County Kentucky on July 20, 1816; that they were married by Robert Frier, a Baptist minister; that her name prior to marriage was Sarah Reaves;³ and that she remains his widow.

Sarah Parham]

[p 15: abstract of a return of marriage reading as follows: “Thomas Parham and Sarah Reaves was married the 20th day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.
S/ Robert Frier”]

[p 18: On June 5, 1855 in Madison County Kentucky, the widow, aged 65, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 36: On January 18, 1870 in Madison County Kentucky, the widow, aged 76, filed for an increase in her pension. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

³ Also spelled Reeves in other documents in the file.