

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Parker X874

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July 4th, 1849

Dr. Sir

Westmoreland Court House Virginia

I shall take it as a great favor if you will inform me upon the following subject. My Father General Alexander Parker was a soldier of the Revolution and continued in service until the close of the War. He retired as Major or Captain I am not certain which. He married in 1790 died in 1821 and left a widow who survived him until 1837. Now I wish to be informed whether either my Father or Mother were entitled to a pension. Your attention will be most gratefully acknowledged by

Yrs Most Respectfully

S/ Eliza Maria Jones

I have been allowed a claim of 2399 acres of additional Bounty land as one of the Heirs of Colonel Richard Parker who was killed at the Siege of Charleston, will you please inform me whether Government will pay the cash now for it as in what State I am permitted to locate. If you should favor me with an answer please direct to

Mrs. E. M. Jones –Elerslie Westmoreland Cty Virginia

Pension Office October 11, 1849

Madam,

In answer to your letter of the 4 July last respecting the case of the widow of General Alexander Parker, I have to inform you that in 1837 when it is alleged she died, there was no law granting pensions to the widows of the Officers and Soldiers engaged in the War of the Revolution, which will embrace her case. The act granting pensions to these widows who were married after the termination of their husband's service was passed 7 July 1838. And as Mrs. Parker was not living at that time she of course acquired no right to the provisions of that law. A claim for which he [indecipherable word] can now set up.

In reply to so much of your communication as relates to the Bounty Land which you received on account of the services of Colonel Richard Parker, I have to state that since 1st September 1835 Congress has made no appropriation for land for satisfying the Military bounty Land Warrants issued by the State of Virginia, And as all lands appropriated prior to that date, were exhausted, the General Government is without authority of law to issue scrip or Patent in satisfaction of bounty land warrants issued by the State of Virginia since the 1st September 1835. The holders of such warrants must, therefore, await the further legislation of Congress upon the subject.

[This letter bears no signature but appears to me to be in the handwriting of J L Edwards, the

Commissioner of Pensions at the time the letter is dated.]

[There is a note in this file which reads as follows:

"This letter and reply taken from Red of War pension Ct. S. 38388 – not the same soldier.

MM H. Finch

Oct. 22, 1931"]