Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Parrish VAS140
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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

I do Certify upon oath that William Parrish a pilot in the Revolutionary War taken by the Enemy & put on parole but before Exchanged or released died in this place 4 days after he returned home – Given under my hand & seal this the 29th of October 1831

S/ John Cunningham

Attested in Elizabeth City County, Virginia

To the Governor of Virginia

Your petitioners Sarah Skinner & others respectfully states. – That there Grandfather William Parrish was a Pilot of the Virginia State Navy in time of the revolution, That he was taken a prisoner & finally put on parole, but died a few days after he returned home. – His representatives never received any land Bounty & pray that it may now be allowed them.

S/ Sarah Skinner & others
by A. M. Green, their Atty

I do Certify that William Parrish a Pilot was in the Navy in time of the Revolution. I was young but knew of his services. He was my father and put on parole about the year 1781 – he [indecipherable word] home on parole; but died a few days thereafter in service – Given under my hand this the 29th of October 1831

S/ Elizabeth Jones

I hereby Certify that William Parish was a Pilot of the Navy in time of the Revolution and on parole; & whilst on parole died with the smallpox in service. Given under my hand & seal this the 29th of October 1831
S/ Richard Payne

Richard Payne

[See papers relating to John Parrish VAS138 and Mark Parrish VAS139]