

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Parrish S3657

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State of Tennessee Williamson County

On this 6th day of September in the year 1832 before the Honorable Thomas Stuart Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit for the State of Tennessee now sitting for the County of Williamson Robert Parrish aged about 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he served 4 campaigns during the Revolution the particulars of which are as follows:

The first of which he volunteered and entered the service of the United States sometime about 1778 under the following officers, he served in the company commanded by Captain John Anderson and Lieutenant John Martin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel LeRoy Hammons [sic, LeRoy Hammond] attached to the Brigade Commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] -- And marched from Augusta Georgia where he then resided to Savannah where the British had blockaded that Port after remaining there some time they were marched back to Augusta and there stationed about a month then marched into the edge of the Cherokee Nation and broke up a parcel of Tories killing & taking prisoners of the greater part -- were again marched back to Augusta and there discharged if he received a discharge for this campaign he has lost [it]. He does not think that any Regular troops served with him this campaign -- he served this campaign about 3 months.

He entered the service of the United States a 2nd time in the spring of 1779 as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain William Martin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel LeRoy Hammond and attached to the Brigade commanded by General Williamson and marched from Augusta where he still resided up the Savannah River, then up the Tugaloo River to Fort Keewee which they then built, then marched across the mountains and attacked the Indians at Middle Towns, whom they drove from the towns which were destroyed, then marched through the Indian Country and destroyed all their villages and corn fields which compelled them to sue for peace which was granted to them, then returned to Ninety Six now called Cambridge and there were discharged in the fall of same year making a tour of 6 months that he served this campaign, for which if he received a discharge it has been lost or destroyed. He recollects the [sic, that] General Pickens was with them in this tour but thinks he then bore a Colonel's commission. He does not think that any Regular or Continental troops served with him this campaign.

He entered the service of the United States a 3rd time a drafted Militia man in the first of February 1781 under Captain William Hays Lieutenant Richard Hays and Ensign William Gill in

a Regiment commanded by Colonel Rolla Downman<sup>1</sup> and Major Edward Garland attached to a Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg and marched from Lunenburg County Virginia (where he then resided having returned to that place from Augusta) to Petersburg to Cabin Point, then to Suffolk, then to the great Bridge on Elizabeth River above Norfolk at which place a skirmish ensued between the Rifle men under Colonel Bowyer and the enemies advance guard who were placed at the Bridge to guard it from that place they marched to Broadwater in Southampton County Virginia and there deposited their arms and were discharged in June same year 1781 making a term of 4 months this campaign. Does not recollect that any Regulars or Continental troop served with him this campaign. If he received a discharge for this campaign he has lost or mislaid it.

He was again drafted and entered the service of the United States a 4th time some time in August 1781, and marched from Lunenburg County Virginia (where he still resided) to Pittsburgh, then to Newsoms Springs and there fell under Captain Joseph Night Lieutenant Frederick Nance and Ensign Henry Cook who were elected at that place in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Burwell and attached to the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg, he then was marched to Hog Island and there crossed the James River, then to Old Williamsburg and there fell in with the Main Army commanded by General Washington -- then to York town & after remaining there on the York side some time crossed York would River and was stationed on the Gloucester side under General Weeden [George Weedon] and remained there till the surrender of Cornwallis -- he was then ordered with the company he served with to convey the Prisoners to the Barracks at Albemarle Court house and was discharged in November or December same year having served 4 months this campaign making in all seventeen months that he was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, for this campaign he received no discharge. He served during this campaign with Generals Lafayette & Lincoln and the officers above named and the troops commanded by them. He has no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove his services having lost his discharges if he ever received them.

He knows of no person by whom he can prove his services except Henry Cook<sup>2</sup> who was his Ensign during the last campaign mentioned in his declaration which commenced in August and ended in November or December 1781, he is so very old & his memory so weak that he has forgotten he is persuaded many and quarter transactions of his services and which might be useful to him such as the dates of his entering and leaving the service, the exact time that he was born &c, but the above is all that he now recollects of his services.

He was born in Lunenburg County Virginia about the year 1756, when he entered the service the first and 2nd times he resided in Augusta Georgia -- and the last 2 times he resided in Lunenburg County Virginia, where he resided after the Revolution till 1826 since which time he has resided in Williamson County Tennessee.

He hereby relinquishes all 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 whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid  
S/ Preston Hay, Clk  
S/ Robert Parrish

I Henry Cook of the County of Williamson and State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Robert Parrish who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration that

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<sup>1</sup> Probably a reference to the same man as [Rawleigh Downman BTWt1917-300](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Henry Cook S3181](#)

I believe him to be about 76 years old that he served a campaign in the year 1781 beginning in August in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Night Lieutenant Frederick Nance and in which I was Ensign, that we were elected at Newsoms Springs as he has in his declaration stated, and that we marched over the country -- were stationed at the places and commanded by the officers as he has in his said declaration stated I know to be true of my own knowledge (for a more detailed statement of this campaign see my Declaration) and I also believe that he served other campaigns during the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above said

S/ P. Hay, Clk

S/ Henry Cook, Senior

[Garner M. Connico, a clergyman, and Robert Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Williamson County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the State and County aforesaid Robert Parrish who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For 9 months I served as a private volunteer and for 8 months I served as a drafted militia man in the 4 several campaigns as mentioned in my declaration & which this is intended to amend and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th day of April 1833

S/ Ware Henby [could be Henley], JP

S/ Robert Parrish