Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Parr VAS135 Transcribed by Will Graves vsl6VA 9/4/12

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

The Memorial of Bolling, Williamson, James, Mary & Elizabeth Parrs

These memorialist [sic] beg leave to state they are the only surviving children & heirs of James Parr who left at his death another child a daughter who died intestate, unmarried and without any child and that they were born & still continue to reside in the County of Greenville & State of Virginia. The object of this Memorial is to obtain all bounty lands, commutation pay, half pay and all other Compensations or gratuities, which their father James Parr was entitled to for his services as a soldier of the Virginia Continental line during the revolutionary War. That he first enlisted under the command of Colonel David Mason & served for two years & after that he enlisted for three years or until the close of the War. Your memorialist do not know under whom their father enlisted the last time but have learned that he acted in the capacity of Sergeant to General Washington most of the time & was at the battle of Petersburg [April 25, 1781] & the siege of York-Town. Your memorialist will further state that after the close of the war, their father lived for several years in the County of Sussex, married there and afterwards removed to the County of Greenville where he lived as a farmer until his death, your memorialist will further state [the digital image of this document as posted on the Virginia State Library site is cut off at this point] heirs of their father James Parr Deceased

S/Bollg J Parr

S/Williamson Parr, X his mark

S/ Mary Parr, X her mark

S/ James Parr, X his mark

S/ Elizabeth Parr, X her mark

[Attested January 7th [?] 1839]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of November 1783, in the name of James Parr, as a Soldier of Infantry for £85.18.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colo. Mason and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this

11th day of September 18 35.

S/ J. Adam Smith , Clerk Acting AUDITOR