Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Parret (Parrot) S17619

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State of Ohio Perry County: Court of Common Pleas November Term 1832

On this 9th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Perry aforesaid (being a Court of Record), Samuel Parrot, a resident of Perry County aforesaid aged seventy-five years in April last (1832) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted in the Virginia Militia and went into service about the 1st or 2nd of January 1781 under Captain George Riddle [probably George Ruddle], Lieutenant James Ulin [?], Major Hamilton and Colonel Naul [? Nauls, Nalls, Nall, Knowles?]: At the time of being drafted he lived in Rockingham County Virginia for Companies of Militia were released from that County at that time, we were marched to Richmond, from thence to Petersburg, from thence to Suffolk (which had been burnt by the British) and from thence to Edmonds Hill's with the British had a Fort: We had a considerable skirmishing and upon learning of the approach of Lord Cornwallis we retreated back to Suffolk &c and were discharged, our three months draft having expired, the time of discharge I cannot state, except from its Term of commencement as aforesaid which I do recollect it must have been in April 1781 having served three months; on the 12th of September 1781, he again started from Rockingham County Virginia, being drafted in the Virginia militia and served in the Rifle Regiment Captain Coger [Michael him], we joined the Troops at Williamsburg, Colonel Boyer took command our Brigade Commander was named McCandless, we joined Head Quarters between Williamsburg and York, and marched to the siege of York. After the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] we marched the Prisoners to the Barracks five miles West of Winchester Virginia and were detained there to guard the Prisoners until new drafts came in; and were discharged some one or two weeks before Christmas 1781.

On his first Term of service he believes it to the middle of April before he was home from the distance of the Place he was discharged.

He further states that the actual term of the two drafts amounted to six months service: and if he is to be allowed for the time necessarily occupied by getting home six and a half months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State &c Quest. By the Court. Where? And in what year were you Born? I was born in April 1756; day not recollected, in Shenandoah County in Virginia.

Quest. Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it? I have not, it was never set down. I have my age from the information of others. Quest by Court. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you

now live.

Answer. In Rockingham County Virginia, in Virginia and moved to this County in 1818 or 19 where I now live. –

Quest. How were you called into service?

Answer. I was drafted both Terms.

5th Quest. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental troops, and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have stated as fully as I am able to state at this time.

Quest. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services. – Philip Spohe [?] Esq., Henry Filler, Peter Overmier

I have 2 brothers living on Paint & Buckskin Waters in Ross County Ohio but have been too infirm to go to see them to get their testimony him they know I was a Soldier in the Revolution.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court the 9th day of November 1832

S/ Samuel Parret

[Charles Hinkle, a clergyman, Henry Filler, Peter Overmier and Philip Spohn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Ohio Perry County: SS Court of Common Please April Term 1833 Personally appeared in Open Court Samuel Parrot (an applicant for a pension under the Act of June 7th 1832 at the last November Term of his Court) and being duly sworn declares in answer to the 5th and 6th interrogatories of the War Department upon which his application is deemed deficient to the Department of as follows.

5th Interrogatory State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served? Such Continental troops and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer: Belonging to the Rifle Regiment on both tours of duty we were from the nature of those troops not much in camp with any regular Continental Regiment, at Edmonds Hills there was Colonel Minnyweathers was in command at the time about a week near Suffolk we were with General Muhlenberg in the Continental Army; and at another we were with General Lawson [Robert Lawson] Continental line near Richmond Virginia this Deponent states he cannot recollect further than he has stated in this & the previous application

6 Interrogatory did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer. I never received any discharge, Bay or anything else!

S/ Samuel Parret

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]