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Pension application of Thomas Parrish S1868
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State of Tennessee Sumner County} On this 21st day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Sumner, now sitting, Thomas Parrish, a resident of Sumner County, State of Tennessee, aged about seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed 7th of June 1832. That he was drafted in Granville County North Carolina in 1777 for a five months Tour that he served a part of this Tour under Captain Taylor [Richard Taylor], the balance under Captain Guild [William Gill]; the Company was attached to a Regiment number not now recollected, commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Sanders & Major Henderson, which marched to Charleston, South Carolina, then to Purrysburg on Savannah River: Applicant then volunteered as one of a scouting party in the Light Infantry under Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] and went from Purrysburg to Augusta, and remained there until the British came and drove us off; we then returned apiece and joined General Rutherford. We were then marched home, and applicant was regularly discharged, having been in the service from the 2nd of November 1777 until the 26th of April 1778.

In 1779, applicant hired himself as a substitute in the place of one Noel Johnson for three months under Captain Gillham [William Gilliam], was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Moore [William Moore] & General Butler [John Butler], marched to Salisbury, and from thence to the Waxhaws was then marched home and regularly discharged. Applicant was drafted in 1781 under Captain Wallace for three months, attached to Colonel Owens' [Lt. Col. Thomas Owen's] Regiment, General Butler Chief Commander, marched to Wilmington, remained there until after Cornwallis's surrender [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], was then marched home and regularly discharged at Wilmington by Colonel Owens. Applicant has lost or mislaid all of his discharges, has no Documentary evidence of his services; he knows of no person living, whose testimony he can procure, by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every 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.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

Test: S/A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ Thomas Parrish, X his mark

[John L. Swaney and Benjamin Walker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.]