Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Parker S38285 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 14th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber [several indecipherable words] Virginia & personally appeared Joseph Parker of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia aged sixty-two years resident in the said district who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war – that he the said Joseph Parker enlisted in August 1776 as a private soldier in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain William Blackwell of the County and State aforesaid of the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan, that he in May 1777 was made one of the life guard of General Washington and was commanded by Captain Robert Gibbs of the Guard, that he served in the said Company and with the Guard in the service of the United States until August 1779 when he was discharged from service near West Point in New York, that he was in the Battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778], that the detachment to which he belonged at those Battles did not participate in them, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his country for support and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services except the annexed affidavits of Joseph Blackwell¹ and Samuel Elliott.²

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robt. White

This the 14th of April 1818 Samuel Elliott appeared before the subscriber [one or more indecipherable words] presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Fauquier County State and District of Virginia and made oath that he and Joseph Parker enlisted as soldiers in a Company commanded by Captain William Blackwell of County and State aforesaid and in the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in August 1776, that they served together until the said Joseph Parker was stationed as one of the Guard of General Washington that he saw the said Joseph Parker at various times and places while the said Joseph was a soldier in the Revolution and believes that he faithfully served three years the period of his enlistment, that he is [in] needy circumstances and requires the aid of his country for a support. Sworn to before me the day and year above written. S/ Robt. White

¹ Probably the same man as Joseph Blackwell S37781 maybe the same man as Joseph Blackwell W1191

² FPA W19225

This 14th day of April 1818 Joseph Blackwell appeared before the subscriber – Judge of the Superior Court of law of Fauquier County and State aforesaid – and maketh oath the Joseph Parker enlisted as a private soldier in a company commanded by Captain William Blackwell of the County and state aforesaid and of the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in August 1776, that he faithfully served the term of his enlistment, that he is in needy circumstances and requires the aid of his country for support.

S/ Jo Blackwell

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robt. White

Had a Court continued and held for Fauquier County the 25th day of July 1820 District of Virginia Fauquier County to wit

On this 25th day of July 1821 [could be 1820] personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Fauquier (made so by express provision of law) Joseph Parker aged Sixty-four years on the 25th day of March 1820 resident in the County of Fauquier in the State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that I served in the Service in the revolutionary War as follows – I enlisted on the 3rd or 23rd of August 1776 in the Company Commanded by Captain William Blackwell in the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan. I was made a Corporal – I continued in the said Company until May 1777 when at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey I was drafted into General Washington's life Guard, in which I continued until the expiration of my Term of enlistment, which was for three years – I was at the battle of Brandy Wine in the State of Pennsylvania and at the battle of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey – besides I was in several skirmishes and that I made my original Declaration on the 14th day of April in the year 1818 before the Honorable Robert White one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia and sole Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Fauquier being a Court of Record made so by Law and that the number of my pension certificate is 8582 – and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – to wit one old handsaw four old chisels and three old augers one old frous and three gimbles

S/ Joseph Barker

Which articles so as aforesaid enumerated the Court doth appraised at the sum of \$2 and __cents. I do further declare my occupation when able to work was that of a Former but being disabled by bodily infirmity from pursuing any laborious profession I now reside in the family of my son by whom I am principally supported. Sworn to and declared in open Court this 25th day of July, 1820

Teste: Daniel Withers, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 14, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

This is to Certify that Joseph Parker Corporal Enlisted into the Continental Virginia line, in the service of the United States of of America, the 23rd day of August 1776 to serve three years which time he served and was Discharged the 23rd day of August 1779, Given under my hand July 4th day 1783

S/ James Wright, Captain Contl Virga. Line

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