

Pension Application for Andress Parker

S.8939

The State of Ohio

Ashtubula [Ashtabula] County SS.

On this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty five personally appeared before me, Ashbel Dart, one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas within & for the County of Ashtabula aforesaid, Andress Parker, a resident of Conneaut Township in the County of Ashtabula aforesaid aged seventy five 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he was born on the 8th day of November AD 1759, in the township of Waterberry, County of New Haven & State of Connecticut & lived there untill he was sixteen years of age, when he removed to New Bethlehem, Albany County & State of New York.

That in the latter part of May 1776 he was then residing at New Bethlehem aforesaid, where he enlisted as a fifer, for five months, under Captain Cobb Bently of the 1st company, 1st Battalion New York Militia, & on the first day of the following June he went down the North River to Fort Constitution opposite West Point. That he remained in such company at Fort Constitution untill the following January, when he was discharged & received his regular discharge from the Captain.

That he remained longer than his regular term of five months, in consequence of a request from Genl Washington to Col. Humphrey to keep his troops longer—that his company officers were—Capt. Caleb Bently, Lieut. VanFrank & Ensign Magle & that Col. Humphrey & Major Hendrick Vanranseller were the [?] officers of his Regiment. That his duty during that period was to keep garrison, he thinks he received his discharge about the 1st Jany 1777.

That during the latter part of the February following (1777) he enlisted under Ensign John Riley, during the [?] of Genl Timothy Brooks—that from that time untill the latter part of the following May, he was engaged under the said Riley in Scouting & looking after the tories—that in the latter part of May as aforesaid, Capt Caleb Bently took command of his company of which he the said Parker was a member & marched it to Fort Edwards—that he continued under the command of Capt. Bently untill about the first of the following January when he received his legal discharge.

That during the time he was with the main army under Genls Schuyler & Gates, that he was in the battel [battle] at Stillwater in the month of October 1777—that his company officers were Capt Caleb Bently, Lieut John Shaw & Ensign John Riley—Col Stephen Schuyler & Maj Hendrick Vanrensellar were his field officers—that in the month of June following (1778) he enlisted under Captain Ellsworth for four months as a Boatman to carry provisions to the different posts on the North and

Mohawk Rivers—that he served out his term of four months & received his legal discharge.

That his Lieutenants name was Bloodgood & the Ensigns name was Smith.—that in the month of June following (1779) he enlisted under Capt. Caleb Bently, for four months, & immediately went to Fort Herkimer & continued in the vicinity of the Mohawk River during the four months, his duty during this time was in protecting the inhabitants against the depredations of the Indians during that time—his company officers were Capt. Caleb Bently, Lieut John Riley & Ensign Hugh McManners. That at the end of the four months he received his legal discharge. That in 1793 his house was burnt together with all of his such several discharges he was then living at LaFayette, LaFayette County New York. That he has resided since the fall of 1779 three years in Claremont Mass, in Layfayette [sic] aforesaid six years in Genesee, New York five years, in Canssawago? Pa. ten years & the rest of the time in Conneaut aforesaid.

That he resided in New Bethlehem aforesaid at the time he was not on service from February 1776 to April 1781. That there is no record of his age except on the records in Waterberry aforesaid & in his own family Bible. That after his residence in Pennsylvania as aforesaid He lived then years at Sandusky Ohio & then removed to Conneaut as aforesaid where he now lives. That Asa[?] Wright, Ralph Wright, Zebidiah Thompson, Joseph Silley reside in his neighbourhood & Asa Jacobs & Samuel Jones who know him & who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution. (Signed) Andress Parker

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year first aforesaid. Ashbel Dart, Associate Judge.