

Pension Application for Francis Parker

S.11194

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

County of Providence SS

On this 10th day of August AD 1832 personally appeared, before me, Ira P. Evans, of Gloucester, one of Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Providence, and State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, which court is a Court of Record, Francis Parker, a resident of the said county of Providence and State aforesaid aged 81 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 7, 1836.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. I was born in said Situate, in the year 1750, on the 14th day of September.

I have no record of my age.

I was residing in the State of New York at a place called Paulding Precinct, and in Bateman Patent, when first called into service; have always since, the war of the revolution lived in this state within Smithfield or Situate and am now living in said Situate.

In the summer of 1776 I enlisted into the company of Rangers, resided in said Paulding Precinct for the purpose of protecting the Whigs against the tories; this company was commanded by Phineas Barley, and in it I served three months, I remember that the tories shot one Timothy Butler in his own house, on a Sunday, in said precinct, and also that one Captain Nichols was killed by said tories. This I think was a company of Militia but do not know exactly how it was raised. – or [blot] by what particular law.

In the fall following I returned to Rhode Island, and in December entered the service in the Rhode Island militia, and served steadily for four months; the first month was for one Richard Colwell, under Ensign Wm Potter stationed at Warwick; the next month under a draft for myself at same place under Captain William, the next was at same place for one Joseph Young, and under said William, the next month was at same place, for one Jacob Phillips under Capt. William Howard.

In the summer of 1777 I served either a month or fifteen days at Warwick for one John Phillips, and there I served in said summer fifteen days for one Samuel Jenks and 15 or 20 days for Abel Parker, who commanded, I cannot say. The officers were changed of ten; one Col. John Waterman was the highest in command, so far as anything that I could see. October 1777 I served in Spencers expedition in September and stationed at Norwich? Point, one month for myself on a draft under Capt. Joseph Knight. I think but [???? Several lines inserted and I can't make them out.] in the winter of 1778 I served for myself suppose a draft at Warwick, I believe, under Lewis Angell Sweet, I was in the said service during this winter of 1778 all the time for myself and others, and during the spring and summer of 1778 I was in the service as much as half of the time, but cannot tell who commanded or where I was stationed,

but I did not go home to work to him out by reason of the time I spent in this service in the war, was all in R. I.

When Sullivans Expedition came, I was in the field, this I remember and I remember that Wm. Howard and Thomas Field, were officers in our company and I stayed in this expedition one month. I remember of serving in monthly tours, or drafted, after Sullivans expedition, at said Warwick under the following officers, to wit, Isaac Hopkins, Peter Cooke, and Edward Knight, some portion of these tours might have been earlier in the war;--I was steadily in the war as a soldier upon the regular draft till after the year after the [?] day in 1780; but could as well make a [?] as to tell where I was at each particular time of service, and to tell all my officers—I am very aged and infirm and cannot remember.

I do not know as I can state any more fully, my services—I had, no knowledge of Continental officers except that Gen. Spencers and Gen. Sulivan were such, I saw Gen. Varnuam on Rhode Island. I knew the following Colonels, John Waterman, John Colwell, Chad Brown and Stephen Kimball.

I had no written discharge, and have no documentary evidence of my service. I hereto annex such testimony as I have been able to procure from living witnesses.

Charles Stone, Eleazar Relph, Andrew A. Angell , and Joseph Titus, are persons to whom I am known in my present neighbourhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

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. (Signed with his mark) Francis Parker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Ira P. Evans
Justice C. C. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated November 16, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.11194, it appears that Francis Parker was born September 14, 1750 at Scituate, Providence County, Rhode Island.

While a resident of Paulding Precinct, New York, he enlisted in the summer of 1776 and served three months as a private in Captain Phineas Barley's company of New York Rangers.

Soon after this he moved to Rhode Island, and from in the fall of 1776 until the fall of 1781, he served at various times as a private in the Rhode Island Troops, under Captains Samuel Wilbur, William Howard, Nathan Ralph, Jonathan Knight, Joseph Knight, Edward Knight, Isaac Hopkins, and Peter Cooke; he was in general Spencer's Expedition and General Sullivan's Expedition & serve din all one year and six months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 10, 1832, while a resident of Scituate, Rhode Island. He died July 29, 1838.

It is not stated that soldier was married.