

**GEORGE PARSONS**

Continental SERVICE NUMBER  
*Parsons, George* S.38991  
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15-238  
East Tennessee

George Parsons  
of Greene County, in the state of Tennessee  
who was a Private in the regiment commanded by  
Colonel Stephens of the Virginia  
line, for the term of Three Years War

Inscribed on the Roll of East Tennessee  
at the rate of Eight Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1819  
and sent to Thomas Sumner by Judge  
Greenville Tennessee

Starts to 4th of Sept. 1819.  $\frac{74}{50} + \frac{50}{50} = 117:86$   
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4<sup>th</sup> March 1820. 48. -

\$ 165:86

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

George Parsons first married Margaret Oneal in Greene County on June 13, 1786. His second wife was Rachel Ross Gregory, whom he married in Greene County on May 10, 1817. Rachel had first married Robert Gregory in Greene County on May 3, 1808.

George filed for Pension in Greene County on June 13th, 1818. By 1830, he and Rachel lived in Sevier County and in 1850, they lived in Bradley County, where George died in August 1850. He appears in the Mortality Schedule, age 89, born Virginia, cause of death "Old Age".



Pension Application of George Parsons S38991

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State of Tennessee }

First Judicial Circuit }

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 Before me the Subscriber one of the Judges In & for said State personally appeared George Parsons, Aged fifty seven years, resident in the County of Green [sic: Greene] in the said District and Circuit Who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions 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 George Parsons, inlisted in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia under Cap John Gillison In the 10th Virginia Reg't. commanded by Col. Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], & that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States Served the term of three years which he inlisted for, And was then Discharged, during which time of service, he was in the battles of Brandiwine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], German Town [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Storming of Stony Point [15 July 1779] and Monmouth [28 June 1778], And then inlisted under Colo Wm. Washington in the Third Reg't. of light Dragoons For during the war, & whilst in said Reg't was in the Battles of the defeat of Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] at the Cowpens [7 Jan 1781] at Guildford [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & then at Campden the time that General Green & Lord Rawden fought [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781 between Nathanael Greene and Lord Rawdon], at which time he was wounded in the left arm & taken prisoner, and remained prisoner until the Close of the war, Which wound has rendered him incapable of Getting his living by labour, & that he is in Reduced Circumstances, and stands in need, of the assistance of his Country for Support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power to prove his said services, & also that he never rec'd. the land that was promised him on part of his Country when he inlisted

[signed] Geo Parsons

State of Tennessee }

Sevier County }

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court the court of pleas and quarter sessions for said county it being a court of record having power of fine and imprisonment and so constituted by statute of the State George Parsons resident of said county who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit. Three years in the company commanded by Captain John Gillison tenth Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens of the Virginia Line & in the year of Gates Defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] he Enlisted at Hillsborough North carolina in Colonel William Washingtons cavalry during the war and was taken prisoner at Camden in South Carolina and was a prisoner at the closing of the war. The date of his original declaration this declarant does not recollect But he was inserted on the pension Roll of the East Tennessee agency on the first of October 1819 as appears by his certificate of pension No 15238 which also shews that his pay is to commence on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1818. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 half dozen pewter Plates  
one pewter Dish  
½ dozen pewter spoons  
½ dozen Delph Plates  
½ dozen cups & saucers  
1 set knives & forks  
1 Large Japaned Sugar Box  
2 Pots 1 Dutch Oven & 1 skillet  
½ Dozen chairs

Worth altogether about 40 or 45 dollars

And Debts he owes to others of about \$40.00

George Parsons

this declarant states that he by occupation is a farmer and with the assistance of his children can raise about one hundred or one hundred and twenty bushels of corn a year, that he has a family consisting of a wife & five children to wit his wife Rachel aged 30 years

George M. . . . 15 whose Labour will support him  
David. . . . . 9  
Susanna. . . . 7  
Robert. . . . . 5  
Evalina. . . . . 2

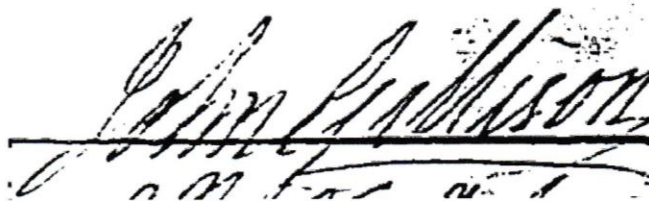
All of whom reside with him all are unable to contribute in any Material Degree to their Support Except his wife, George, & David and this declarant from wounds received in the revolutionary war is rendered incapable of doing but little more on his farm than Superintending and directing the Exertions of his children. Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820

George Parsons

[The following is among the [Bounty-Warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

Certify that George Parsons Inlisted in the Continental army the 22<sup>d</sup> Dec'r. 1776 for the terme of three years which time he faithfully served. Given under my hand this [illegible] Sept. 1783

John Gillison Capt./ 6<sup>th</sup> Virg'a. Reg't

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Gillison", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, there are some faint, illegible markings.



Sevier County, State of Tennessee Dec. 31. 1890

Sir

In Compliance with the last act of Congress  
I have made it appear to the Worshipful  
Court of Sevier County, that I am a maily  
disabled person, occasioned by wounds rec<sup>d</sup> in the  
Revolutionary war, Your Honor once sent me  
a Certificate, as a pensioner when I live in  
Queen County, & since that I have moved, and  
living in Sevier County, if you have rec<sup>d</sup> the  
proceedings of the Court in consequence of my  
Incapacities, and think, I ought to be continued  
on the pension roll, please, to direct your Certificate  
to Col<sup>o</sup> Alexander Preston, living in Sevierville  
who keeps the post office, Your complaisance will  
be ever esteemed, by Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

To

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The Honourable

J. C. Calhoun

Secretary War office



Rachel Ross Gregory Parsons appears in the 1850 Census of Bradley County, age 59. In Rachel's house is an elderly woman, Rachel Cook, age 87. The relationship, if any, is not known.

By 1852, Rachel and son, David, left Tennessee and lived in LaGrange, Texas. There is no indication Rachel filed for a Widow's Pension. She died in June 1852 and is buried in the Old LaGrange Cemetery.

