



Henry Parks is not recognized on the list of casualties on the 1909 monument at Kings Mountain.

He was wounded by a pewter ball through the arm. Tory doctor Uzal Johnson treated the wound the next day. Henry's uncle, George Parks, was assigned by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland to escort him home. It took two months for Henry to recover. Henry lived on Parks Creek adjoining the Surry/Wilkes County line near Gabriel Loving and William Loving, near Little Elkin River. George is the probable bearer of the news of the Lewis and Biecknell wounds to their neighborhoods.

Henry Parks' Georgia certificate 30.615 was issued 04May1836 for a federal pension at \$40/annum in Franklin County. The pension was suspended 15Oct1839. The archives do not explain administration from 1839 to his 1845 death.

Parks was granted 287.5 acres of bounty land in Franklin County, Georgia

Federal pension application files:

Henry Parks <http://www.revwarapps.org/s31898.pdf>

George Parks <http://revwarapps.org/w27457.pdf>

John Stonecypher <http://www.revwarapps.org/s16539.pdf>

From Henry's deposition:

That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of North Carolina in Wilkes County in 1774 or 1775 under Captain Guest [Moses Guest] as a volunteer & was placed under command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], was marched to the Valley Towns in the Cherokee Nation, were on scouting parties & took some prisoners served at that time two months and was discharged by Col Armstrong. He afterwards enlisted in the Militia for six months as a Minute Man under Lieutenant Benjamin Cleveland and Captain Walton, was marched against the Tories & Scotch to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville), served out the six months and was discharged by Captain Walton. He next entered the Army in Wilkes County under Captain Gilreath [sic, probably William Galbreath] & Genl Rutherford, was marched to Purrysburg South Carolina, was stationed there some time & some time at the Two Sisters or Sisters Ferry, was discharged at Sisters Ferry after five months service on this tour. **He again entered the Army as a volunteer in Wilkes County North Carolina under Captain Lewis & Colonel Benjamin Cleveland was marched to King's Mountain, was in that Battle & was there wounded by a rifle Ball through the arm. Returned home after about two months service & remained at home until his wound healed up.**

Again volunteered under Captain John Cleveland & Colonel Lenore [sic, William Lenoir] & placed under command of Genl Rutherford, was marched within two miles of Wilmington, was placed as a guard at a Bridge to keep them from crossing over, was marched back to Wilkes and discharged by Captain John Cleveland after a service of about six weeks. He again volunteered under Captain Lewis & went to join General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and marched with his Army to High Rock Ford on Haw River was out about a month as a scout against the Tories.

Served about one month just before Gates [Horatio Gates] defeat – scouting after the Tories who were commanded by General Bryant. At that time he was a volunteer under Col Lewis, and was joined by Genl Rutherford, when the Tories marched off & were defeated by Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] at hanging rock. He was in several other scouting parties always served at a moment's warning against the Tories but as this was irregular service does not distinctly recollect the time he served. Altogether he thinks he served about three years as a private soldier.

1. Was born in May 1758 in Albemarle County Virginia
2. Has a record of his age in possession of Thomas or Samuel Parks in Burke County North Carolina.
3. When called into service he lived in Wilkes County North Carolina. In 1784 he removed to Wilkes County in Georgia from thence he removed to Franklin County Georgia about 36 years since & has remained there ever since.
4. The five months service mentioned above he was a substitute for a Man (he does not recollect his name) who afterwards became a Tory. At all other times he was a volunteer.
5. Does not recollect many names of Regular officers, General Ash [sic, John Ashe] joined them while they were at the Sisters Ferry in South Carolina & Genl Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was there also just before the Battle of Stono. Lincoln lay at Black Swamp.
6. Does not recollect that he had any regular discharge, if he had any they are lost.
7. Is known in his neighborhood by Captain Moses Guest under whom he served one Tour and who can testify to his veracity & to a part of his service. He is also known to John Stonecypher who also knew him in service and to David Garrison a preacher of the Gospel all of whom can testify to his veracity and to their belief of his having been a soldier of the Revolution.

[Henry Parks' Yadkin neighborhood topo map](#) Click, zoom, drag, enjoy the topo map.

Geni.com details:

Death: May 18, 1845 in JACKSON CO, GA

Place of Burial: Hargrove Cemetery, Jackson County, Ga.

Immediate Family: Son of [John Parks, Jr.](#) and [Ann Parks](#)

Husband of [Martha Pattie Parks](#)

Father of [William Justice Parks](#); [Charles PARKS](#); [Johnson PARKS](#); [Nancy A. PARKS](#); [Henry](#)

PARKS, Jr. and 3 others  
Brother of Lucy PARKS and John PARKS  
Half brother of Rachel Parks

Occupation: pioneer Methodist minister from Virginia to Georgia

One of Henry' sons, Rev. William Justice Parks wrote in his memoir:

"About this time the war broke out between the colonies and England. My father joined the "minutemen" and was engaged in many skirmishes with the tories, of whom there were many not far from where he lived, mostly Scotch. He was in the battle at King's Mountain. There he was shot in the left arm near the shoulder which as he at the time supposed was with one of those large puter balls which the tories so often used and as he then thought broke his arm. He was greatly weakened from loss of blood and the Whigs having no surgeon his wound remained undressed until the next day when the British surgeon whom they had captured probed it and told him the bone was not broken. He then cleaned the wound by drawing a silk handkerchief through the bullet hole and bound up his wound from which he recovered so far as to have pretty good use of it during life thereafter. I have often conversed with a man that stood side by side with my father in the most of their conflicts and he often told me "A braver man and better soldier than your father never lived, he was an utter stranger to fear". He was as to person of great bodily strength and power of endurance. I judge he was of about 5 ft. 8 in high, thick set weighing I should judge about 160 or 170 lbs, of quick action as well as perception. When peace was made my father returned to his home. He then had a step-father in NC"



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