

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Patterson R20184

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[Marion County Mississippi]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828

I Francis Patterson of Columbia in the County of Marion in the State of Mississippi do hereby declare that I enlisted in the state of North Carolina in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain William Ships<sup>1</sup> company in the 24th Regiment<sup>2</sup> of the Continental line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th of March 1828 on the Pension list of the United States.

S/ Francis Patterson, X his mark

[Charles Stovall and Hugh McGowen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

25 February 1829

Francis Patterson of Columbia in the County of Marion in the State of Mississippi has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Ship's Company, in the \_\_ regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

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<sup>1</sup> J. D. Lewis does not list a captain by this or any similar name as having served in the NC Line or militia.  
[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_captains.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_captains.html)

<sup>2</sup> There was no such unit in the NC Line.

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that Francis Patterson is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The name of Francis Patterson cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office

The records of this office do not show that Francis Patterson of the North Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

28 April 1829

[the addressee of the following letter is not shown in the file documents]

Mr. Patterson has had the state inserted in which he enlisted, should it become necessary he will give the names of his Officers the old Soldier is in very indigent circumstances – he was out in the last war [reference to the War of 1812] and is most deserving of a pension – Patterson's Friends here would take every pain that might be necessary to identify him as a Revolutionary soldier, his indigence does not arise as is too frequently the case from inebriation but he appears to be one of those who are destined to be poor by unforeseen circumstances that [indecipherable word] ingenuity, foresight and reason cannot prevent – the writer of this is aware that this statement cannot avail anything towards procuring a pension for the old Soldier but he knows at the same time that it gives pleasure to every Patriot to render all the aid and assistance that is in his power to those who stood the brunt of the Revolution however humble was his situation believing these sentiments are not only congenial to the officers of the Treasury Department but also to the whole American People <sup>I have made [?]</sup>

I am Dr Sir

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S/ Charles D. Leonard