

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekiel Patrick R7996

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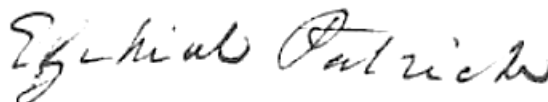
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State of Kentucky Perry County & Circuit Sct

On this 23rd day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Joseph Evi Judge of the Perry Circuit Court Ezekiel Patrick, a resident citizen of Perry County and State of Kentucky aged 74 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That about four months before Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] at Camden, he at Elizabeth Town in North Carolina on Cape Fear River he entered in the Army of the United States for three years, in Captain John Irvins [sic, Jared Irwin's] Company in the Regiment as he now believes (the Col [Colonel's] name forgotten) [probably Colonel Thomas Robeson, Jr.] in the North Carolina State line -- His Lieutenant was John Surgon, his Regiment was under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], when he entered the service he lived in Bladen County North Carolina. From Elizabeth Town he marched to Fayetteville, then back to Drowning Creek Bridge & in that section, and then about Wilmington in North Carolina served out his Term of three years, when he was Honorable discharge at Elizabeth Town aforesaid by Captain Irvin, He was in the Battle of the Brown Wash [sic, Brown Marsh?]¹ and Wilmington NC, in one of which he received a wound in the shoulder by the lick of a sword of a British Dragoon. The applicant states that he knows of no person living by which he can prove his service, or, any part thereof. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency in any State or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ezekiel Patrick



The Court propounded the following interrogatories to the applicant

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born the 7th day of January 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

¹ September 1781 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brown_marsh.html

Answer yes I have a record of my age in my Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in Bladen County State of North Carolina And after the close of the war I moved to Charleston South Carolina where I lived about 6 months I then moved to Liberty County in the State aforesaid where I lived 11 years I then moved to Carter County East Tennessee where I lived 8 years, I then moved to Russell County State of Virginia where I lived 6 years. I then moved in the year 1827 two Perry County State of Kentucky where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I volunteered on my own account

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer Rutherford was my General, I do not remember the name of my Colonel, John Irvin was my Captain, Lieutenant John Surgen, Greene [Nathanael Greene] was the Major General, And the brigade to which I belonged was attached to General Greene as well as I now recollect. And I do not remember the name of any other officers, I am an illiterate man I can neither read nor write, And I was a private soldier, There was three brothers in the Service to wit William, Daniel and Samuel Patrick which was the reason that I went into the Service and remained for the Term of three years as before stated.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I received a Discharge from the service, it was given by Captain John Irvin, And it was burnt up in my House, when my house got burnt.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer I am known to Archillis Craft, John Hagins and Col. Robert Brashers, in my present neighborhood, and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution: There is no clergyman living in my neighborhood, and I am unable to procure one without being a considerable expanse.

[Archillis Craft, John Hagins and Col. Robert Brashers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This day Ezekiel Patrick personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Perry aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law makes this additional Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service for the term of 18 months at Elizabeth Town in the State of North Carolina, and served out the whole tour, And he reentered the service at Fayetteville North Carolina, which place was then called Cross Creek, but now called Fayetteville as before stated, for the Time of 18 months under the same Captain as stated in his original Declaration, and served out the whole Term and was Discharged at Elizabeth Town North Carolina where he first entered the service, my Captain John Irvin. He states that he received from his Captain a

Discharge for his Service which included his whole 3 years service. He states that when he was first Discharged, at Fayetteville, then called Cross Creek, he took no Discharge, Because he immediately entered the service, under the same Captain. And when he quit his company he received the Discharge before spoken of for the whole Term. He states that the reason why he entered the Army a second time was because he had three Brothers then in the Southern Army, And he had not got to see them during his first Term of Service. He further states that his Brother William was stationed at the Hanging Rock, Broad River and he was informed that if he would again enter the service, that the company would join the Regiment which his Brother William belonged to, which was commanded by Wayn [sic, Wayne? or Winn?], or it was Wayns Brigade as well as he now remembers; And shortly after he entered the Service the second time he heard that his brother was wounded at the Battle of the Hanging Rock. He states that he never was attached to Wayne's brigade or Regiment -- as he had expected when he entered the service the second time. He further states that since filing his original Declaration he has ascertained that he can prove a part of his service by Thomas Watkins,² who lives in Floyd County State of Kentucky and he intends to try to procure his Deposition, which he will Ford on to the War department.

S/ Ezekiel Patrick

[Attested by Ezekiel Brasher, JP on the 24th of April 1834]

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I Thomas Watkins a revolutionary soldier state on oath, that he was engaged as a soldier in the Revolution in North Carolina that he knew well in the service Ezekiel Patrick now of Perry County Kentucky, in the service of the American Army in North Carolina. I do not know when Ezekiel Patrick entered the service, as I believe he was in the service some time before I was, but knows he served over two years but about this I would not be positive, I always understood he served even longer than that period. Ezekiel Patrick is a man that is a notorious one in his appearance, and when in the Army he was called one of the [indecipherable word] men in the Regiment to which he belonged, and I was as well acquainted with [him] as any men the Army, he was a faithful soldier and great confidence was placed in him. I knew him long after the war. I know of several more persons that knows Ezekiel

Question Do you or [do you] not know that Ezekiel Patrick got wounded in the war –

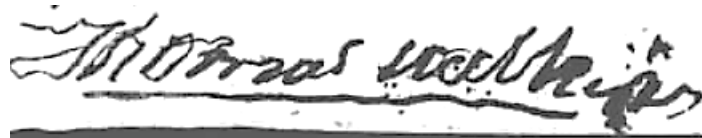
Ans: I do not certainly know it myself, but always understood he got wounded at Wilmington with a cutlass by a British soldier -- all I know is from report --

Question by Justice of the peace

Do you know how long Ezekiel Patrick served.

Ans: From the best recollection I either saw or knew from good authority of his service upwards of 2 years, but if I am [2 or more indecipherable words] belief, he served longer than that -- he served in Irwin's Company (he was called both ways Irvin and Irwin [])-- I saw him at Fayetteville North Carolina, and several times during the retreat & once before. This all I now remember upon the subject and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Thomas Watkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Watkins", written in dark ink on a light background. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

² [Thomas Watkins \(Wadkins\) W6779](#)

[attested in Floyd County Kentucky on May 14, 1836]

[p 14, letter dated April 25, 1855, referring to Ezekiel Patrick as being then 110 years old and living in a small cabin in the mountains with a widowed daughter and in a "very destitute condition." He is also referred to as having applied for a pension for his service in the War of 1812 which was likewise suspended.]