

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pattie S10252

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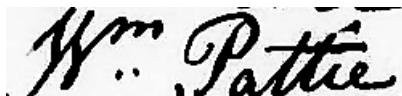
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State of Virginia County of Fauquier, to wit:

On this 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County of Fauquier, now sitting, William Pattie a resident of said County of Fauquier in State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That while residing in the County of Caroline Virginia he enlisted to serve in the Armory at Fredericksburg in Virginia in the spring of 1778 under William Grady as foreman or conductor of the said Armory, that Colonel Fieldon Lewis [Fielding Lewis] and Charles Dick were the superintendents or commissioners appointed by Government to superintend and govern said establishment that said affiant served in said Armory from the month of March 1778 until the month of July 1781 (Except the month of May which he served on the Potomac) when he was discharged – He was employed as an artificer in said Armory in manufacturing public arms during said times – The said Affiant has no written discharge as about the time of his discharge by Colonel Lewis many of the workman left the Armory to join our forces against Lord Cornwallis. He also states that Benjamin Bradford was a lock filer and acting as Clerk in said Armory, and Inspector of Arms. That said Bradford now lives in Scott County Kentucky whose affidavit of the service of this affiant is hereto annexed, as also that of Lucy Yeatman of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ Wm Pattie



[John R Wallace and William Horner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Lucy Yeatman formerly Lucy Pattie of the State of Kentucky and County of Franklin do hereby state, that William Pattie of Caroline County and State of Virginia is my brother, and recollect well that he was employed in the United States Armory for a number of years during the revolutionary war (the Armory at Fredericksburg Virginia) as an artificer and further remember that some time before the close of the war my brother William Pattie enlisted as a soldier among the last enlistments of soldiers and received his own County in double loons and him and my father went a campaign together I suppose the last campaign as it was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis all the above I well remember and know to be true. Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> of May 1833.

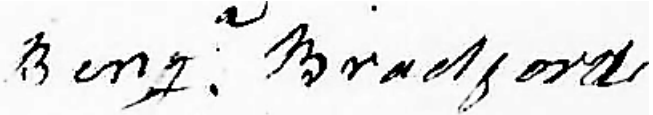
S Lucy Yeatman/



[Henry L Yeatman of Fauquier County Virginia, attested to the character and credibility of Lucy Aikman. His relationship, if any to Lucy, is not stated.]

I Benjamin Bradford of the State of Kentucky Scott County hereby state that I was well acquainted with William Pattie of Caroline County State of Virginia and that said William Pattie was employed in the United States Armory at Fredericksburg Virginia as an artificer in the manufacture of arms for the United States from the year 1778 until the year 1781 making three years or more and that said William Pattie served the whole time with credit to himself & satisfaction to his employer all of which I state to be true of my own knowledge having worked in said Armory myself during the whole time said William Pattie served. Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833

S/ Benj. Bradford



[f p. 18: On February 11, 1837, Ben Bradford gave another affidavit substantially identical to his prior affidavit.]

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Virginia Stafford County

This day Thomas Alcock,<sup>1</sup> of the County and state aforesaid aged eighty-eight years personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid and made oath that William Pattie of the County of Fauquier enlisted with him in the State Legion during the war in the County of Caroline at August Court in 1781. Given under my hand & seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832.

S/ C. Tackett

Virginia Fauquier County

This day Philip Merry<sup>2</sup> a resident of the County aforesaid personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that he served in the minute service during the revolutionary war at Hampton & that he well knows that William Pattie of the County aforesaid serve in the said service at the same time. That he is about eighty-four years of age.

Given under my hand & seal this 19 day of September 1832

S/ J. A. Marshall

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I Benjamin Bradford do hereby state that I was intimately acquainted with William Pattie of the State of Virginia who served in the United States Army at for word during the time I mentioned

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Alcock S15731](#)

<sup>2</sup> FPA W7440

in a former statement and that said William Pattie did draw his rations and clothing during said time of service from the government, and was also subject to martial law or the laws that regulated and applied to the Army at that time. These facts I have drawn up and signed with my own hand and do state the same to be true from my own personal knowledge.

Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833.

S/ BradfordBen.

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled –

Your petitioner William Pattie who is a resident citizen of the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia, and now in his 74<sup>th</sup> year, most respectfully begs leave to represent that he entered the minute service of Virginia in the War of the Revolution three months before the close of that service, and continued therein till the end of the same service, under the command of Captain John Mountjoy – Your petitioner went from Caroline County in said State – Major Buckhannon [Buchanan] from the Town of Falmouth commanded the Battalion – And was stationed at Hampton in Virginia and served said three months. It was at this period that the British sloop of war appeared in Hampton Roads, and made the attempt to cut out the ship *Dragon* then lying there. At this time Captain Dick Taylor in one of the Baron's Boats pursued the British ship, and had his thigh shattered by a ball from her – Your petitioner refers to the affidavits of Philip Meary to show that he was in said service, and states that the death of other individuals with whom he served has prevented his procuring full proof of his services as he could have done were they now living. In the month of May 1781 your petitioner volunteered under Captain Bronaugh of King George County, and served with him a tour of one month on the river Potomac at the time the British shipping was in that River. At this period Lord Cornwallis was in Virginia, also Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] with his troops. Your petitioner was honorably discharged from said service. A part of Bland's light horse and some regulars commanded by Captain Reid were in that service, having come up recruiting for men in that section. Your petitioner at August Caroline Court in the said State of Virginia in the year 1781 enlisted under Captain Thomas Minor for during the war, in the State Legion commanded by Colonel John Taylor (see Alcock's affidavit) and soon after, under said enlistment, marched under Captain Bumberry to Hubbard's old fields in Gloucester County – from thence to Ware Church near the Court House of said County, and there remained until joined by the French troops at Dixon's old fields – thence under William Campbell who commanded our Regiment. General Weedon [George Weedon] commander in chief of the militia and our detachment – marched to Sowel's, where the French and [indecipherable word] troops drove Tarleton to Gloucester Town. Your petitioner continued in this service till his discharge in consequence of a rising on his knee – by Colonel Campbell (who was a Brevet Colonel) and brother of Colonel Hugh Campbell. This discharge took place just at the period of the siege of York. Your petitioner being still liable to duty under said enlistment was not however called to the Army till the beginning of the fall of 1782 and then being called he rendezvoused at Caroline Court House, and after being detained until he was discovered that the said troops could not be equipped your petitioner was honorably and finally discharged. Your petitioner would respectfully add to this petition that in the course of three or four months after the close of the said minute service herein set forth, to wit in the spring of 1777 he entered service at the public manufactory of arms at Fredericksburg, and so continued in the service till the month of May 1781, at which time he as

before stated volunteered under Captain Bronaugh – The said manufactory of arms was partially discontinued at that period annual petitioner was discharged there from an during his service there he considered that he was in the service of the state – So that in fact your petitioner was in the service of his country and in the discharge of the most arduous duties from the time he entered the said minute service until finally discharged as before stated, with the exception of the space of time from the close of the minute service in the year 1776 till the spring of 1777 – and the still shorter space between the last of June 1781 and August Caroline Court (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) – And now your petitioner finds that because he cannot find witnesses to prove the exact dates and precise continuance of active service – and on account of technical distinctions as to his said service in the said manufactory of Arms at Fredericksburg – he can received no relief at the accounting offices of the Government – and whilst he perceives that others who did not perform as much duty as your petitioner are placed on the pension rolls of the Country he can get no relief. He therefore prays the tender consideration of Congress – and states that he is now in very needy circumstances, and at his advanced age, and diseased state of body, he is obliged to become the keeper of a tollgate of a turnpike road for an honest livelihood. He therefore, despairing of success before the Commissioner of Pensions, throws himself upon the justice and gratitude of Congress. It is impracticable from the nature of things and the kind of service that he was engaged in that he should furnish complete proof. It is more than could be reasonably expected of the most active and best informed, since the many deaths and distant removals of persons, who if now here could establish the truth of every word which your petitioner has stated. He therefore prays that Congress will direct that he shall be placed upon the role of pensioners for the full pay of \$96 per annum to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1831 according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 and he will ever pray.

S/ Wm Pattie, Senr.

[Attested October 14, 1835]

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Washington 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1836

In reference to William Pattie, whose Petition for a Pension, under the Act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, is now before the Committee on Revolutionary Claim; the undersigned states, that the Father of William Pattie was, at, or about, the commencement of the War of the Revolution, the manager or overseer of the Farm of the Father of the undersigned. That William Pattie was, at the commencement of that war enrolled in the militia, and in that condition was subject to perform militia duty, whenever required, to the end of the war – That to the knowledge of the undersigned, said Pattie did performed many tours of militia duty, but at what particular periods of the war, to what extent of time these tours amounted, the undersigned has now no distinct recollection. That during the war and Armory was established by the State of Virginia in the Town of Fredericksburg, in which William Pattie work one year – William Pattie is aged, infirm, poor, & through life has sustained the character of a good citizen & honest man –

S/ John Taliaferro

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the Virginia militia.]