

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Patrick S1241

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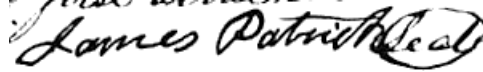
State of Kentucky Floyd County: Sct.

On this 5th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace now sitting, James Patrick Senior aged one hundred three 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, under General Christy [William Christian], Col. Russell, Capt. William McClanahan, Lieut. Adam Peck all of the County of Botetourt, except Adam Peck, who was from Staunton Augusta County Virginia. This Country was known by many by the name of the County of Fincastle, after which Botetourt and Montgomery Counties were made. This applicant entered the Service of the United States for six months, on the 2nd day of March 1776, Under the officers aforesaid as a drafted man, and as State troops of Virginia. Shortly after the Army amounting to 2000 men to their line of march towards the borders of what is now called Tennessee, marching in a South-Western direction, and crossing New River, and passing through that part of the country in Virginia known by the name of Wythe and Washington Counties, the Army arrived about the last of May or June at the Long Island of Holston [River], and after having several small fights with the Indians; General Christy at length made a treaty with the Indians, he thinks the Cherokees, and in the month of September or October, this applicant having served out his six months, received his discharge and returned home.

This Applicant again entered the service of the United States, in the spring of 1777, from Montgomery County Virginia by a proclamation giving the Soldiers 400 acres of bounty land, the term of service was one year as a drafted man under Col. Bowman, Lieut. Joseph Drake and Capt. William Buchanan on the 29th of March 1777. This expedition was to relieve the County of Kentucky, which then belonged to Virginia, the Regiment after having assembled, took up their march, and passing in the same direction that General Christy's Army went, and took the Kentucky trace the Army crossing Cumberland mountain and moving on until they arrived at a place called the Cumberland Ford, and a fight ensued with the Indians in which we were victorious, and the Indians defeated, or leaving some dead, the Army at length arrived at Boonesborough, and then our troops were divided, a part meant to Harrodsburg and a part to Col. Benjamin Logan's Fort, and the residue remained at Boonesborough, during the latter part of the year 1777, the troops marched to a place on the Cumberland to follow the Indians till they passed the borders of Kentucky and got into Tennessee, and 150 of us overtook the Indians at a place on the Cumberland called then the French Licks where the town of Nashville now stands, and succeeded in taking this place, This Country then belonged to North Carolina, after destroying their corn and burning their Towns, the Army returned to Boonesborough Kentucky, This

Applicant, in the fall, was stationed in the Fort, during that year and until the spring of 1778 his term of service then expiring, on the first day of April 1778 received his discharge and was preparing to return home to Virginia, and leave the battlefield to abler and younger man having served in every war from "Braddock's defeat" [July 9, 1755] up to that period. This applicant was in that memorable battle when Braddock was defeated, and was one of Col. Washington's Rangers. This applicant was insisted on to join he thinks on the 15th of May 1778 but about the date this applicant had no means of recording the date of his entrance and therefore gives said only as an opinion, that this was the date he was prevailed on by the settlers to volunteer under General George Rogers Clark to overcome the Indians on the Miami [River]. Accordingly he volunteered for one year or longer if necessary under Col. Floyd, Major McGuire and Capt. Denton at Harrodsburg. During this year General Clark determined to subdue the Indian towns of the Miami, he was stationed at the falls of Ohio, the companies from the settlements joined the Army who was about this time he thinks reinforced by a Regiment from Virginia from Shenandoah, perhaps Frederick (Col. Crockett?) the Army marched against the towns and after fighting and skirmishing several times, came upon them at length at the Pickaway plains and a general fight ensued and General Clark shortly after at length overcame the Indians, after having a good many soldiers killed by some Indians lying in ambush, after subduing the Indians the Army marched back to the falls of Ohio and Canady's company marched to Boonesborough this applicant went to the falls of Ohio, got sick and remained there some time, and in the spring 1780 in the month of May or June was marched up the River to the mouth of Licking, on the opposite side there was two block houses we situated, and we built three more on the ground where Cincinnati now stands, here this applicant received his discharge and returned home after an absence from there 2 or 3 years this was in 1780 here this applicant remained until the 8th of February 1781 and then Col. Love, Capt. James Newell (of New River) and Capt. James Brackenridge, all joined and beat up for volunteers on the 12th day of February 1781 our company (for a Regiment could not be made up) I volunteered for six months, the weather being rainy and cold, the Company affected a junction with General Greene [Nathanael Greene] two days before the battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] in which this applicant participated, after leaving Fincastle the company marched to Patrick Courthouse Virginia and crossed the River high up and marched a considerable distance down the River before we formed the junction this applicant then went with the Army to the South but was not in the battle of Ninety Six but was guarding prisoners taken by General Morgan after this he was employed to guard the prisoners and getting sick he was stationed at Salisbury about the 15th of August 1781 he received his discharge and returned to Fincastle, he received regular discharges for all his services in the war, and one a certificate for the Bounty Land – this applicant has no documentary evidence in his favor, his discharges he lost or worn out, he knew during his services a great many Continental officers and regiments, the numbers he cannot recollect. He knew General Smallwood, Col. Davidson, General Pekins and General Lee, General Muhlenberg and General Clark, General Christy, Col. Preston, Col. Cleveland, Col. Logan, Col. Floyd, Col. Crockett, Col. Billy Washington, Col. Davie, General Mercer, he knew Col. Polk, Col. Bloomington, Capt. Watson, Lieut. Williams [?], Col. Ashton, Col. Johnson and many others forgotten, General George Washington he knew long before the war, during the revolution he never saw him that he recollects of – His whole service was a common Soldier – He hereby [relinquishes] every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the year and date first above written.

S/ James Patrick {Seal}



Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia on the 18th of February 1730

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

I have a record, as [indecipherable word] by my father in an old Lutheran commentary

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live – Ans. I was living in the County of Botetourt, Virginia and I lived there for many years and in Montgomery & then moved to Floyd County Kentucky about 25 years ago, where I now live

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

Answer. I was drafted at first in general Christy's Army for 6 months secondly I was drafted for one year, to go to Kentucky – 3rd I volunteered in Kentucky at Harrodsburg for one year, in Clark's Army – 4th I volunteered for 6 months more under Col. Love in Botetourt

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

Answer. I knew Col. Crockett, Col. Davie, Col. Billy Washington (of the horse), General Mercer, General Clark, Christy, Col. Ashton, General Muhlenberg, General Lee, Col. Lee, Col. Davidson, Lieut. William Winston, Charles Waymon, Major Eze Kea – Williamson, General Pickens, General Greene, General Sumpter, Col. Logan of Kentucky – the number of the regiments I have forgotten if I ever knew – the general circumstances of my service is about this, In as living in Botetourt County Virginia called Fincastle, formerly – I was drafted for 6 months, under Col. Russell, Capt. William McClanahan, Capt. Adam Peck, all of Botetourt except, Adam Peck who lived in Staunton, the Army marched against the Indians to the Long Islands of Holston, our scouts had several skirmishes with the Indians – and a treaty at length was made, that was in 1776. I did not arrive at the nation which was some distance from this place I served out my time and returned home – the next year, I again was drafted for one year to go to Kentucky under Col. Bowman, Lieut. Joe Drake, Capt. William Buchanan, we marched to Kentucky and had a fight with the Indians at the Cumberland River and whipped the Indians, we at last all arrived at Boonesborough in the southern part of the state near the Seegeolchy [?] Valley now in Tennessee, and about the French Licks the Indians were very troublesome, we marched from the Kentucky settlements, and one came [indecipherable word] at the French Licks, I served out my service, & term, and was just agoing to start home, he was prevailed upon to assist General Clark to subdue the Indians, I went under Col. Floyd, and Capt. Denton at Harrodsburg in the Campaign, we succeeded and defeated the Indians. I entered as a volunteer this time – and served about one year or more. I then went home to Virginia and the next year I went with Col. Love, Lieut. Breckenridge and Capt. Newell as a volunteer for in the year 81 we got to General Green a little before the battle of Guilford C. H. I was in that battle from there I went with the Army to the South and served out my time I was not at the battle of Ninety Six, I was sick at Salisbury North Carolina. I was one of Col. Washington's Rangers in products war in 55. I was in the battle when General Braddock was killed at the French Fort Fort [indecipherable word or words]

Question 6. 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 think now I received the first time a kind of certificate & discharge – this I sent to Nashville it was signed by my Capt. McClanahan and [indecipherable word or words] Col. Russell too, the 2nd time I received a discharge from Capt. Buchanan, I do not recollect of receiving a discharge from Denton in Kentucky it appears to me I did not, I received my last discharge from Capt. Newell, I do not know what I have done with them. They may be lost. I have not got them.

Question 7 – 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer – the Rev. William Coffee, E. Prater, Col. Lewis Poor, William Prater, John Montgomery, John Poor, Richard Patrick

S Meredith Patrick, JP

[Elijah Prater, and William Coffee, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]