

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wyatt S16303

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Kentucky Gallatin County Sct.

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 John Wyatt late of the County of Henry but now of the County of Gallatin and State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I entered the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the war and continued in the service until its termination viz. I entered the service as a private Captain Clark's Company of the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman & General Scott's Brigade. I continued in the service until we went into winter quarters at Middlebrook in New Jersey at which place I got a furlough & returned home the spring following I joined the Army at Petersburg Virginia and lay there until the fall when I was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heath [William Heth] & Captain Stith's Company and marched to the South where I was taken prisoner I make my escape from Charleston South Carolina & returned to my home in Botetourt County Virginia. Shortly after my return there was a proclamation for all the Soldiers to join the Army. I did so and was attached to Colonel Campbell's Regiment & was at the siege of York. I remained in his Regiment until I was discharged. And I do also declare that I afterwards let Captain Rowland Madison have my discharge in order to obtain the Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was informed by him I was entitled to under the resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778 and I was informed he obtained.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1826 on the pension list of the United States.

I considered myself at the siege of York a prisoner of war, and still a member of Captain Stith's Company and Colonel Heath's Regiment I having may my escape from the English at Charleston and having never been regularly discharged.

Given under my hand and seal this first day of June 1830

S/ John Wyatt

[State of Indiana, Rush County]

On this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally came before the Honorable the Judges of the Rush Circuit Court, John Wyatt a resident of Rush County Indiana aged Eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress

passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 at Burnbrooke New Jersey for & during the Continuance of the War and served in the Company commanded by Captain Stied or Steeth [Stith?] or some such name and Colonel Bowman Regiment in the Brigade Commanded by General Scott from there they marched and joined the new levies at Petersburg Virginia marched under Colonel Hath [probably with William Heth] & General Scott to South Carolina & the next summer joined the Army under General Benjamin Lincoln. He was in the siege at Charlestown in South Carolina, when he was taken prisoner – where he remained for about six months when he purchased a protection from one Joseph Seal and [using] that name he passed the lines and made his escape and joined the American Army. He further states that he served during the time aforesaid until and during his captivity two years six months. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or Territory in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ John Wyatt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Wyatt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Wyatt".

State of Indiana Rush County: SS: In the Rush Circuit Court April Term 1833

On this 6th day of April 1833 personally appeared before the honorable Charles H. Test the president Judge & Montgomery McCall and John Gregg Esquires his Associates the judges of the Rush Circuit Court being a court of record John Wyatt a resident of the County of Rush State aforesaid aged eighty-five years on the 4th day of June next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

That in the winter or in the early spring, the month he does not recollect, of the year 1778 in Botetourt County Virginia where he then resided he volunteered for one year in a company commanded by Captain Joseph Crockett in the 8th Regiment of Virginia troops commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman, \_\_Clark, Major the names of the other officers he does not remember except a Captain Wales who belonged to the same Regiment, that from Botetourt County he marched to Petersburg in the State of Virginia where he lay for a short time until the levies were collected when he and the troops took up the line of march for Valley Forge where he joined the main Army under George Washington at which place he remained for a short time when he marched into New Jersey and was present at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], after which battle he marched to Robinson's farm on North river [?] Where he lay until late in the fall and from thence marched to Burnbrooke New Jersey where he remained until in the winter being sometime in the month of December 1778 as he believes he enlisted into the Virginia troops in a company commanded by a Captain named Steed or Steeth [Stith?] or some such name in the 8th Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath (Colonel Bowman having returned home as well as he recollects). The Brigade to which he belonged was commanded by General Charles Scott, after enlisting he returned home upon furlough where he remained three months, at the expiration of his furlough he repaired to Petersburg under Lieutenant Andrew Scott where he remained until the next fall when he marched under Colonels Heath & Wallace

(the latter being Lieutenant Colonel) through Hillsborough and Camden to Charleston in South Carolina, where he lay during the siege of that place and was while there was made a prisoner of the British and remained as a prisoner for about six months when he purchased the protection of one Joseph Seal who had been made a prisoner at Waxhaw & had taken protection under the British, and enlisted with them, he gave him Seal a quart of rum for the protection and with it he and by passing under the name Joseph Seal he applicant effected his passage through the British lines made his escape and returned home to Botetourt, after his return to his home and it being understood by the officers there how he had escape, they had an interview with him, when General Lewis, Colonel Preston, Colonel Chrystie [probably William Christian] and Colonel Crockett prevailed upon him not to rejoin the Army as they would have him excused. They then prevailed upon applicant to act as a spy among the Tories on New River, which he was enabled to do by having the protection aforesaid. Colonel Hugh Crockett had an old captain's commission under Governor Dunmore, of which he altered by erasing out his name and in asserting that of Joseph Seal, with this Commission and his protection and from newspapers he had got at Charleston he under the direction of the aforesaid officers started for the Tory settlements on New River where he arrived and made himself known to them as a British Captain and was kindly received and entertained by them. After remaining a while with them the Tories communicated to him the objects they had in view he learned from them that it was their intention to attack, breakup and destroy Chizzel's lead mines [Chiswell's lead mines] on New River, and to attack the homes, destroy the property and take the lives of our leading men in that section of the country, he obtained from them a written list of their force, which amounted to a considerable number – Finding that their attack was to be made at a period so early that he could not return in time to apprise Colonel Preston & other officers so that they could be prepared, he told the Tories to desist for the present, that in a short time there would be British troops in the neighborhood who would assist them in their enterprise – With this arrangement the Tories agreed when he applicant left them and started on his return to communicate to Preston & the other officers what he had learned. He immediately went to Colonel Preston, and communicated to him, Crockett, Chrystie & other officers what he had discovered and learned who immediately raised the militia and took a large number of the Tories prisoners. The applicant was along with the militia at the time. After this some time in the summer of 1781 the precise time he does not recollect he was in Botetourt County entered into a company of militia for a two months tour as a man furnished by two of the persons who were taken as Tories, as some of them were compelled to pay men to perform duty as a punishment for their disaffection. He marched under Colonel Campbell (his Captain he does not recollect) to the neighborhood of Yorktown where he with his Regiment were employed in reconnoitering the country until his term of duty expired when he returned home about a week before the surrender of Cornwallis – which was the last duty he performed. That owing to his old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served ten months in his first tour of duty before he enlisted that during the time of his said enlistment he served from December 1778 until about July 1781 including his duties as a spy among the Tories as above set forth which is two years and seven months and that he served two months under Colonel Campbell making in all services performed by him of three years and five months & all of which was in the capacity of a private. That it is his impression he enlisted during the war but from a letter received by him from Mr. Ingham Secretary of the Treasury in 1830 it appears his enlistment was for three years which is probably the case, but the time of three years not expiring until the close of the war has probably impressed upon his mind that his enlistment was for

during the war. Applicant further states that he received no pay for his services, that after the war he traded off his discharges and other evidence of his services to Captain Roland Madison of Virginia for some articles of property & and returned therefore said Madison was to receive his arrearages of pay which arrearages he understood the said Madison received. He about 30 years ago received from the State of Virginia a claim for 100 acres of land lying in the Green River country Kentucky which he sold to General Taylor for \$20 which \$20 is all the compensation he has ever received.

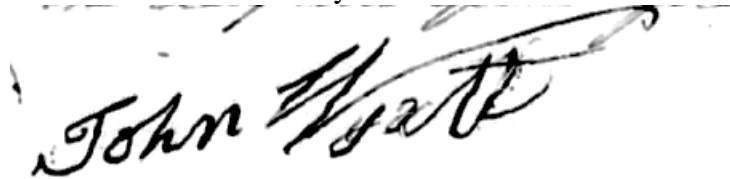
That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest

S/ Robert Thompson, Clerk

S/ John Wyatt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Wyatt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ John Wyatt".

The court now here propound to said applicant the following interrogatories and the answers thereto are given under oath by him to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the city of London (England) on the 4th of June 1748

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

I have no record of my age except placing it in my own Bible with those of my children, I placed them as I received it from my parents

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

When called into service I lived in Botetourt County Virginia after the war I settled in Mercer County Kentucky from thence I removed to Harrison County Kentucky in 1792 resided there until about 1823 when I removed to Henry County Kentucky from thence I removed to Rush County Indiana where I have resided for the space of one year past and where I now reside

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

This question is fully answered in my declaration above my first tour was I believe a volunteer my second and enlisted soldier my third a substitute as above stated, the names of one of the persons for whom I was a substitute was William Stapleton the name of the other I do not recollect.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

I remember General Scott, Wayne & Sullivan, General Neville, Colonel Woodford commanded the 7th Regiment, General Lee commanded the advance guard at Monmouth, at Charleston I recollect General Lincoln, Colonel Heath, I remember the 4th, 7th & 8 regiments of Virginia troops, the general circumstances of my service is stated above.

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

I received a discharge from Colonel Bowman for my first term of service for my second I received none never having been exchanged and he [indecipherable word or words] under Colonels Chrystie & Preston before stated I received a discharge from Colonel Campbell for my last service these discharges were given up by me to Captain Madison who bought my pay as before stated and I have never seen or heard of them since nor do I know what has become of them.

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

I name the Reverend Gabriel C McDuffe & Nathan Tompkins

[Gabriel C. McDuffe gave a supporting affidavit in which he states, among other things, that he has known the veteran since his, McDuffe's, infancy for about 37 or 38 years and that the veteran has always enjoyed the reputation of having been a revolutionary war veteran.]

[Nathan Tompkins gave testimony that he was born in July 1778 and has known the veteran all his life and has heard the veteran tell many stories regarding his services in the revolution.]

[facts in file: veteran died June 17, 1833.]

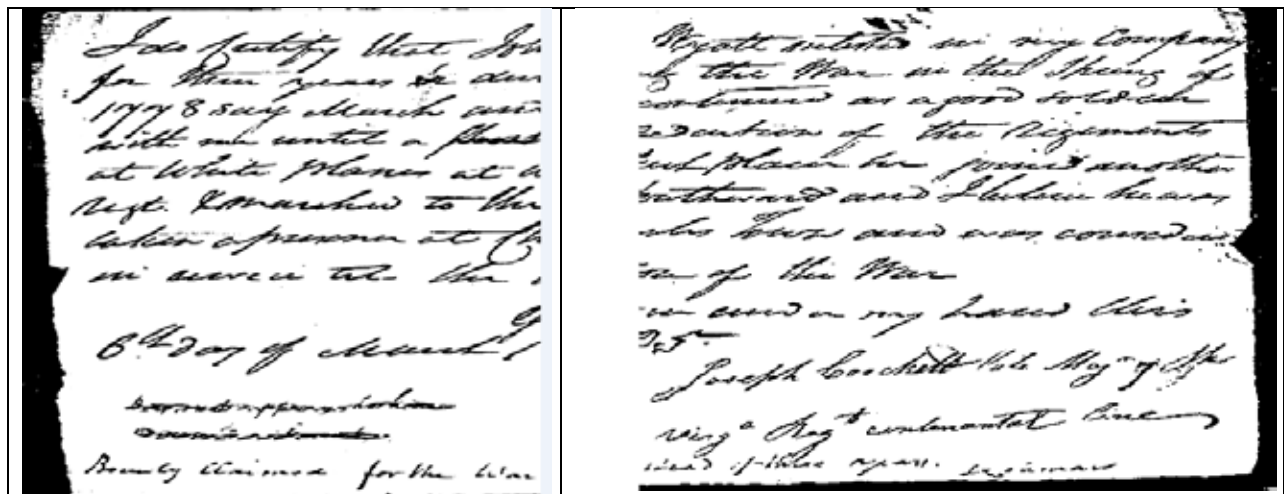
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that John Wyatt enlisted in my Company for three years or during the War in the Spring of 1778 say March and continued as a good soldier with me until a reduction of the Regiments at White Plains at which place he joined another Regiment & marched to the Southward and I believe was taken prisoner at Charles Town [the fall of Charleston South Carolina May 12, 1780] and was considered in service till the end of the War.

Given under my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1805

S/ Joseph Crockett, late Major of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virg<sup>a</sup> Regt.  
Continental line



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Henrico County &c

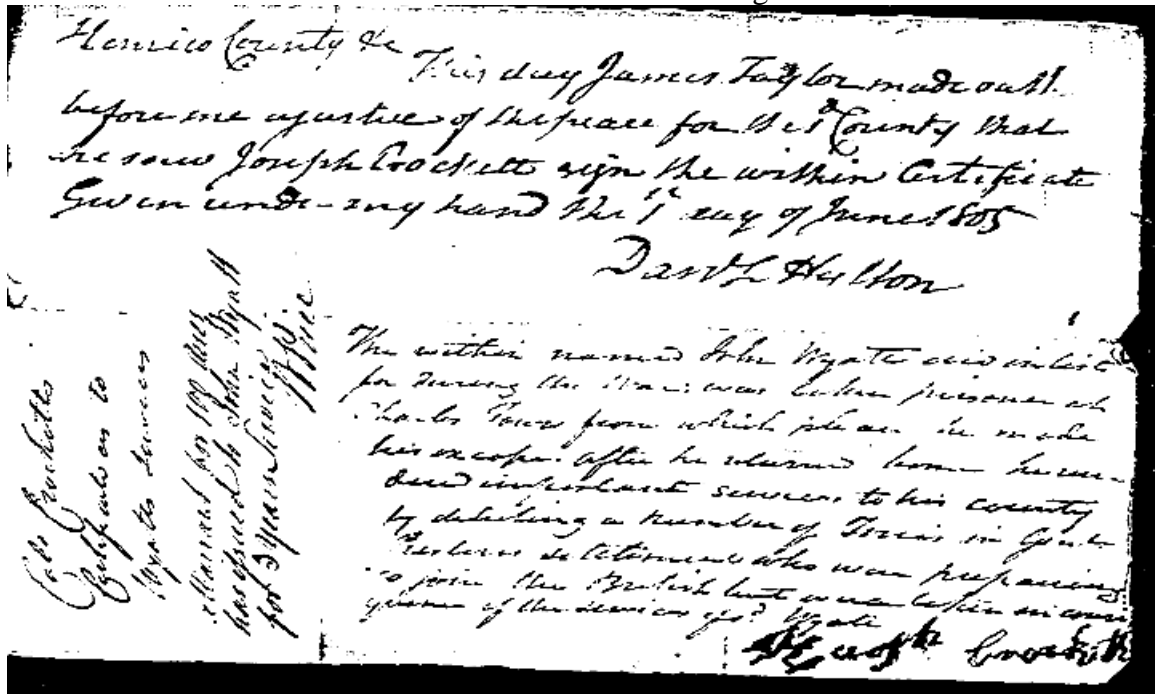
This day James Taylor made oath before me a justice of the peace for the said County that he saw Joseph Crockett signed the within Certificate

Given under my hand the first day of June 1805

S/ Danl. Hutton

The within named John Wyatt did enlist for during the War, was taken prisoner at Charles Town from which place he made his escape. After he returned home he rendered important services to his country by detecting [?] a number of Tories in Genl. Preston's [?] settlement who were preparing to join the British but who were taken in consequence of the services aforesaid [of] Wyatt.

S/ Hugh Crockett



[Reverse]

John Wyatt allowed additional proportion for the War more than 3 years 20<sup>th</sup> May 1808

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To the Honorable the Executive of Virginia

The Petition of John Wyatt a Soldier of the Revolutionary War respectfully represents that he enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment under the command of Colonel Abraham Bowman & lastly under the command of Colonel Heath, that he enlisted & served to the end of the said War; that he has drawn a Warrant for one hundred acres of land only to wit No. \_\_\_ That he is entitled to an additional hundred acres & praise that it may be granted to him & your petitioner &c.

S/ John Wyatt by his attorney

[Note: This file contains 2 powers of attorney given by the veteran, one dated May 16 1804 in which the veteran refers to himself as a resident of Harrison County Kentucky and the other dated May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1830 in which the veteran refers to himself as being a resident of Henry County Kentucky formerly of Harrison County Kentucky.]