

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Payton S17003

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State of Indiana Harrison County Probate Court May Term 1833

On this 13th day of August 1833 personally appeared before William A. Porter Judge of said Court in open Court the same being a Court of Record so declared by an act of the General Assembly of said State, Lewis Payton a resident of said County and state aged 70 years the 8th of March last, 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 he enlisted in the Army of the United States a short time after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], but cannot state precisely the month or day in the Regiment by Colonel Haws in the company commanded by Captain Kirkpatrick in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia at which place he resided at the time he enlisted as aforesaid, and was marched to Winchester Barracks, and was there attached to the [paper damaged and text obliterated] commanded by General Muhlenberg [paper damaged and text obliterated] was marched from thence [paper damaged and text obliterated] of General Muhlenberg and Colonel Haws to Albemarle Barracks in the forks of James River; that at Winchester they were employed in guarding the prisoners taken at Cornwallis' defeat, at which place he was furloughed for forty days being sick that he was marched from thence to Albemarle as above stated, at which place he was again furloughed and was not again called into the service. That he was recruited into the service by Ensign Jacob Brown. He further states by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grade. For [word written over and illegible, possibly "seven"] months I served as a private, and for such service I claim a pension, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the affidavit of Augusta Payton, which is hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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

S/ Lewis Payton, X his mark

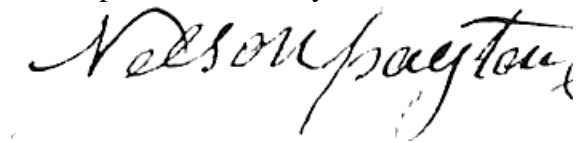
I Augusta Peyton residing in the County aforesaid certify that I am well acquainted with Lewis Payton who has subscribed to the foregoing declaration; that he recollects of said Lewis leaving his home in Amherst County and State of Virginia equipped with his knapsack and some provisions for the Army – that to the best of his recollection said Lewis started in the fall and returned in May following – at which time he returned on furlough as affiant understood at that time, and remained until sometime in the fall following as he thinks and [text damaged and

illegible] – at which time he again went into the service and returned home about the time peace was proclaimed as this said deponent believes. Said deponent [paper torn and text missing] was a boy at that time about 12 or 13 years of age [paper torn and text missing] that he cannot swear positively as to time said Lewis was in service – but understood then and ever since that he was in service and believes that he was in the Army during his absence. He was not present at his enlistment, but understood and believes that said Lewis was recruited into the service by Jacob Brown a recruiting officer but does not know his grade, and although said affiant did not see the said Lewis in the Army he does believe that he was in the Army in the actual service of the United States not less than 7 months, exclusive of the time he was at home on furlough and further he says not.

S/ Augusta Peyton, X his mark

[Augusta Peyton and Henson Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 9: On May 27, 1854 in Harrison County Indiana Nelson Peyton of Harrison County Indiana filed a power of attorney in which she states he is one of the children of Lewis Payton.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nelson Peyton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text of the power of attorney.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]