

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wyatt<sup>1</sup> S17215

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State of Missouri, County of Montgomery

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1832, personally appeared in open court of the Montgomery County Court – at the November term 1832 – being a court of Record, before Nathaniel Dryden, Thomas N. Graves and Sylvester Baker Justices thereof now sitting John Wyatt Senior a resident of said State and County in his seventy fourth year, 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 7<sup>th</sup> June A.D. 1832. That he was born in Halifax County in North Carolina on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1759 – his age was set down upon a blank leaf in his father's Dictionary, which has been destroyed. He was living in Chatham County North Carolina being about twenty or twenty-one years old when called into the service. After the Revolutionary War in the year A.D. 1788 – he removed to Kentucky and from there in 1817 to Missouri where he has resided ever since. He was called into service as a volunteer, in a company of Rangers (called the County Light-Horse) – being mounted men, whose duty it was to keep the Tories in awe & subjection, and was in that service about two years from first to last. The State of North Carolina was then divided into classes of forty men each, & each class had to furnish one man, he then as a volunteer from one of those classes entered the State Regiment in Chatham County of North Carolina in the year 1781 or 1782, for a tour of twelve months which duty he performed being the last that was required of him. He was not in the service with any of the regular Army but while a private in the Company of the County Light-Horse General Gates [Horatio Gates] with his Army marched by Chatham Court-house through his father's yard going to the South, in the Summer before he Gates was defeated at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. In the month of March A.D. 1781, the following year, General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] with his Army fought the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], being the best and hardest fought battle during the Revolutionary War. From Guilford the British retreated to Wilmington where their shipping lay, General Greene pursued them until they crossed Deep River, 5 miles from Chatham Court house. He, not being in the regular service, does not now recollect the names of the other regular officers. The first Captain, he was under, was Captain Golson [Charles Gholson or Goldston?], who was appointed by the County, he was next under Jabob Duckworth [sic, Jacob Duckworth], a militia Captain who with twenty-two men (he being one of them) attacked a body of Tories, under a Captain Garner, of one hundred fifty in number, on Barr Creek [sic, Bear Creek, October 1781] in Cumberland County North Carolina, near the house of John Kagle, whom we surprised and defeated. They were embodied & equipped and were about starting to join the British near Guilford Courthouse, where they were encamped. The next skirmish, he and eleven others under Captain N. Nall [Nicholas Nall], had with the Tories was on Brush Creek in Chatham County [October 1781]. The Tories were commanded by Colonel Fannin [sic, David Fanning]; they defeated us, killed two & took two of us prisoners. These

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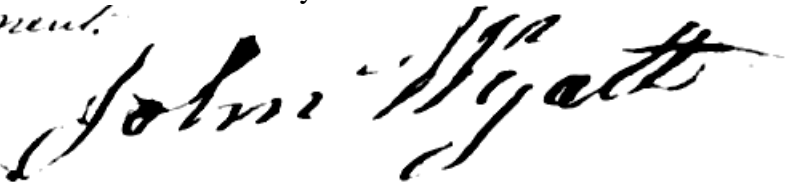
<sup>1</sup> BLRej 40073-55

were the only skirmishes he was ever in, except being frequently engaged in running one or more of the Tories at a time through the Country. The ranging company of County Light Horse was not regularly joined to any Regiment. The officers of the State Regiment were, as far as he now recollects, Major Crafton [Bennett Crafton], Captain Jones, Captain Troutman, Captain Todd and Captain Ferrygood ( a Frenchman)<sup>2</sup>. He joined the State Regiment in January 1781, or 1782, & in the spring afterwards was marched, we from Warren Court house (where he rendezvoused) to Hillsboro in Orange County to guard the assembly who were then and there in session. The Regiment was then under the Command of Major Crafton. The Duty & service performed by this State Regiment was to range the Country and prevent the Tories from embodying and doing mischief to the Whigs. This Regiment ranged South of Hillsborough in several Counties of North Carolina the remainder of the twelve months. He was verbally discharged by Cornet (or Lieutenant) Parre [?]<sup>i</sup>, near the line between Chatham and Orange County. He served as a private soldier in the State Regiment twelve months & six days, having been in the Ranging Service to suppress the Tories about three years. He never did receive a written discharge from any officer, he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can prove & testify to his service. These statements are made entirely from memory, which from age now begins to fail and must now rely upon them to satisfy the department that he is entitled to the benefit of said act of Congress. 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, Having never received any pay for his services from the Government.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Jacob L. Sharp, Clerk

S/ John Wyatt

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[Jacob L. Sharp, clerk of Court, Absalom Hayes, Sheriff of the County, and Amos Kibbe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: On March 27 , 1855, John Wyatt, 96, filed a bounty land claim while living in Warren County, Missouri, on March 17, 1855. This document he signed with his mark. His identity was attested to by Susan Pennington and William James.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> This may be a reference to Jorge Farragut (Anglicized George Farragut) (b. 9/29/1755 on Minorca; d. 1817), father of Admiral David G. Farragut (1801-1870). George Farragut is known to have been in North and South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. He served in the SC navy and was captured when Charleston fell on May 12, 1780. Exchanged, paroled or escaped, he is thought by some to have been at the Battle of Cowpens and later at Wilmington during the Revolution. J. D. Lewis notes that Farragut has commissioned a Captain of Infantry in the NC State Regiment under Maj. Bennett Crafton and Maj. Joel Lewis. 5/1/1782, a Major over the units of Light Horse within the State Regiment. (5/5/1783, the NC General Assembly back-dated this promotion.). Thanks to Hershel Parker for making this connection and calling it to my attention.

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