

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Reuben Hatton S17466

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State of Missouri }

County of Boone } Sct

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before David Todd Judge of the circuit court for the county of Boone now sitting Reuben Hatton a resident of said county & state 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 provision made by the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, He was a resident of Amelia County, Virginia, that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1780 in that county he turned out as a volunteer under Capt. Ward, his given name he now believes was John, of Amelia county, and in a few days joined the army at Chesterfield commanded by Col Mason of Chesterfield, was commanded at different times by Genls Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] & Lawson. we were stationed a few weeks at Chesterfield C. H. then we marched through Petersburg down James river to Smithfield from thence to Mackies mills, from thence we marched on still lower down on the South Side of James river where we were discharged having served three months being the time from which he volunteered, this tour was performed as a sergeant but of what grade he does not know. it may as he always understood as sergeant of the guard as that was the duties performed by him, when he returned home which was in January 1781 he remained there until the middle of February of that year when he again turned out as a volunteer under Capt. Ford of Amelia. we joined the army at Westham above Richmond, & stationed on Shockoe hill a short time, Genls Muhlenburg & [Robert] Lawson both appeared to have command of him, state in this tour which was 3 months that he acted as orderly sergeant when stationed at Shockoe hill he was placed under Major [William] Boyce who took command of light infantry and we scoured the country round, and he finds it impossible to state when or how they went except he recollects that they were a few weeks at what was called the Mobbin hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], thinks that Genl Lay Fayette [sic: Lafayette] was with them part of that tour. from the Mobbin hills we marched on before the enemy through different counties. Lay Fayette had on that march the command, though the British marched after us we had no battle for some said Gen'l. Lay Fayette didnt give them battle, his object as we all understood was to manuver about and draw them as high up the country as we could, when we had got up into Culpepper or Orange one of the other as he recollects there Genl [Anthony] Wayne joined us with his army [on 10 Jun at Raccoon Ford of Rapidan River between Orange and Culpeper counties], when in Culpepper he was discharged having served as stated three months & got home some time in June, in this trip he thinks he served more than three months, but will be certain that it was that length of time, when he arrived home it was the first week in June, & on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, he stared back again to the army, and in two days or less he joined the army at what was called Dandrighes Old fields, in Orange county as he now recollects [sic: probably Hanover County], he joined Capt Edward Booker who was from Amelia, and nighbour of this applicant, and who knew that this applicant had before served as orderly sergeant, Capt Booker immediately put him in the command as orderly Sergeant in which capacity he served his whole tour. he has stated that before he left the army to return home, that Genl. Wayne joined Lay Fayette. that fact did take place he well recollects at the raccoon ford on the Rapadann, but this applicant states that it may have been after he had went home & returned in June as stated, for he was only absent from the army a few days from returning home until he joined them again, he states that he recollects that after the British began their march down the country, that Genl Wayne went on after them, and overtook the main army and had to retreat back. The British under Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] crossed James River and went on down towards Portsmouth - we pursued them on and were manouvering about through the country until some time in September Genl Washington joined us and took the command some where not far from Yorktown, and when the army was about to start down to Yorktown

where the British lay, he was discharged on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, and started home, but before he got home he heard that Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct], having served three months & 26 days and if time is allowed him for going home, he then served four months & a half, he here states that the first and last tours he got a written discharge signed by his officers but has long since lost or destroyed them, The second tour he got no written discharge as the whole company was discharged and went off together and we were but a short distance from home, and when discharged from the main army each man took for home, states that he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his services nor does he believe that such living witness can be had  
He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. [signed] Reuben Hatton

NOTE: On 5 Sep 1845 Joanna Hatton, 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Reuben Hatton on 20 Sep 1782, and he died 16 May 1841. As evidence of her marriage Williamson Manion deposed that Reuben and Joanna Hatton arrived in Kentucky in 1794 and lived temporarily in David Crewes's still house until Manion helped them build a house in which they lived for many years. A document in the file states that Joanna Hatton died about four years after her husband, apparently while her application was still pending. With her application is a family record certified by Wesley B. Hatton as having been taken from the family Bible, transcribed as follows:

Thomas Hatton was Born February 20<sup>th</sup> day of 1784

James Hatton was Born December 16<sup>th</sup> day of 1785

Fanny Hatton was Born January 16<sup>th</sup> day of 1788

Polly Hatton was Born January 14<sup>th</sup> day of 1790

William Parkinson Hatton was Born December 12<sup>th</sup> day of 1791

Robert Clapton Hatton was Born December 16<sup>th</sup> day of 1793

Reuben Mitchel Hatton was Born april the 29<sup>th</sup> day of 1796

Charles Ballew Hatton was Born March the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of 1798

Anna Hatton was Born January 28<sup>th</sup> day of 1800

John Magers Hatton was Born Sep 26<sup>th</sup> day of 1801

Benjamin Hatton was Born September 6<sup>th</sup> day of 1803

Elizabeth Fleming Hatton April 4<sup>th</sup> day of 1805.

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