

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Patterson S17626

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The State of Ohio Preble County Court of Common Pleas September Term 1832} SS

On this eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Preble in the State of Ohio John Patterson aged sixty nine years a resident of the County aforesaid 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 in the month of August 1778 he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for his father Samuel Patterson in Ninety Six district South Carolina in Captain Cowan's¹ Company of militia of [Lt.] Col Reed's [George Reed's] Regiment and General Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Brigade. The force rendezvoused at Beaverdam Creek in Georgia deponent served on this tour three months during which time he was engaged in defending the country against the aggressions of the Cherokees at the end of the three months he received a written discharge signed by Lieutenant Davis [perhaps Benjamin Davis] who at that time had command of the company in place of Captain Cowan during this tour deponent assisted to destroy the corn of the Indians and to burn seven Indian towns. In April 1780 deponent was drafted to go to Charleston under Captain Cowan who then belonged to Col Pickens' [sic, Andrew Pickens'] Regiment, when this draft had proceeded about eighty miles on the way to Charleston they were met by an express informing them the city had surrendered [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. Col Pickens then marched his men to Camden, he was out on this tour about one month. In September of the same year deponent went to Soap Creek in Georgia and volunteered to serve in Captain Dun's [sic, Joseph Dunn's] company of Colonel Clark's [sic, Elijah Clarke's] Regiment. He was with Col Clarke when he took possession of the town of Augusta² but was soon driven away by the British, he continued in the service on this tour until after the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] which was on the seventh of October. After this battle the company under Captain Dunn dispersed being all volunteers for no definite time deponent with three others went to Mecklenburg County in North Carolina and remained with his friends until January 1781. When Lord Cornwallis commenced his march to Virginia deponent volunteered to serve for six weeks in a light horse company under the command of Captain Grimes of Col Irwin's [Robert Irwin's?] Regiment he was engaged in guarding the forts on the Catawba River about one week, he was then marched to Guilford Court

¹ JD Lewis list to likely candidates. James Cowan and John Cowan or both listed as having served as Captain's in the upper Ninety Six district Regiment. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_captains.htm

² Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

house. Near Guilford his company joined the forces under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. During this tour he was engaged in several skirmishes with the British but was in no general engagement. At the end of the six weeks for which he had volunteered he received a written discharge from Captain Grimes in March 1781. In the summer of 1781 he enlisted in the State troops of South Carolina for ten months in Captain Francis Moore's company of light horse, Col Middleton's [Charles Myddleton's] Regiment and General Sumpter' [sic, Thomas Sumter's,] Brigade. In March 1782 when deponent's time expired was discharged by Captain Moore at Orangeburg on Edisto [River] – to prove this ten months service he has procured the deposition of William Caldwell who served during the same ten months with deponent. Deponent knows of no witnesses living by whom he can prove the rest of his services but he has been long known to Rev. Alexander Porter, John Foster, David Macdill and others who reside in his neighborhood and by whom he can as he believes prove that he sustains a good character for truth and veracity and that he has always been reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution. The written discharges which deponent received from his officers have been lost. He has a written record of his age by which it appears that he was born in Ireland in January 1763. After the war deponent lived in South Carolina until the year Eighteen hundred and seven when he came to Preble County in the State of Ohio where he has since resided and still resides. 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.

S/ John Patterson



S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

[Alexander Porter, a clergyman, John Foster and David Macdill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Ohio Butler County} SS

Before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and came personally William Caldwell³ a resident of said County who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he was acquainted with John Patterson who now resides in the County of Preble during the War of the revolution. This deponent served a tour of ten months during the war of the Revolution with said John Patterson in the Regiment of Colonel Middleton in the State Troops of South Carolina in the year 1781 and 1782 under the command of General Sumter. Said John Patterson belonged to the company commanded by Captain Francis Moore and deponent belonged to the company of Captain Smith -- deponent has been acquainted with said Patterson since his residence in the State of Ohio which has been about 25 years deponent had not seen said Patterson from the time that he was discharged at Orangeburg in South Carolina until he married him in the State of Ohio -- And further he says not.

S/ Wm Caldwell



³ [William Caldwell S2116](#)

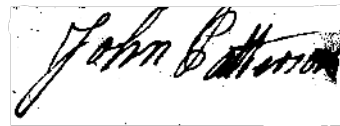
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[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 179 Book S dated June 9, 1785]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I Do Certify that I have Received of John Cunningham the full amount of the principal and Interest now Due or that may be Due on the within Indent & I hereby empower him his heirs or assigns in my name to receive the full amount of the within [undeciphered word or words].
Given under my hand at Charleston this 23 Day October 1785

S/ John Patterson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Patterson", enclosed in a rectangular border with a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance.