

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Patton S18151

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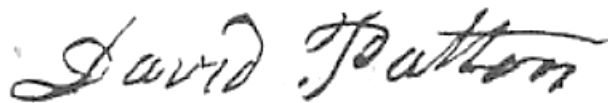
State of South Carolina York District }

On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before his Honor William D. Martin an associate Judge of the State aforesaid now sitting David Patton who being duly sworn makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was born in the County of ___ N. C. in the year 1762 on the 14th of December as appears from a record in his possession made by his father. When called into service was a resident in the State and district aforesaid and still continues so that he was on the first term a volunteer but afterwards was drafted, and never on any occasion received a written discharge, that for his character he refers to Gassaway Wilson and William Clark. On the first occasion of service he joined General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army in Rowan in 1780 marched with him to the battle of Ramsom [sic, Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780] near Lincolnton N.C. as a reinforcement, belonging to a troop of horse at this place he joined General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] in a company commanded by Robert Thompson, remained among the Tories 2 or 3 weeks to keep them in subjection, crossed the Tuckasegee Ford and went to the Waxhaw [sic, Waxhaw] harvest coming in, he left Sumter to gather his crop on this trip he was out about 2 & one half months. Next year joined Colonel Wynn [sic, Richard Winn] at the four hole bridge below Orangeburg commanded by Captain by Joseph Smith Colonel Wynn was relieved by Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] remained at Orangeburg till discharged. Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army was lying between this and Charleston. The same year say, in 1781, he served three months in the fork of the Edisto SC under the command of Captain Henderson [John Henderson], the plantation of Mr. Young, being, Head Quarters was employed in procuring cattle for General Greene's Army, was engaged in all the times of service 8 months and one half.

He further relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is on the Pension Roll of no State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court
S/ A. McWhorter, CC Clerk

S/ David Patton



[Gassaway Wilson & William Clark gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina York District}

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Quorum for the District aforesaid David Patton who being duly sworn deposes & saith that 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 and in the following grades for eight months and one half served as a private soldier & for such service I claim a pension: he further swears that he has no documentary evidence, neither can he prove his service by any living witness, further than appears by the affidavits of William Clark¹ & John Wallace;² he further swears that he could not produce a clergyman in court to testify for him.

Sworn to & subscribed June 14th 1833

S/ David Patton

S/ J. M. Ross, QU

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State of South Carolina York District: Personally appeared John Wallace and made oath that he was with David Patton in a tour set forth in his declaration at the four hole Bridge and knows that he served in that tour three months.

Sworn to & subscribed June 14th 1833

S/ J. M. Ross, QU

S/ J. Wallis



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State of South Carolina York District}

Personally appeared before me William Clark and being duly sworn saith that in the year 1781 he served a 3 months tour in the fork of the Edisto River in the State of South Carolina under the command of Captain Henderson the plantation of Mr. Young, being Head Quarters and was employed in procuring cattle for General Greene's Army and during this whole period of service David Patton was engaged as a soldier in like service.

S/ R. Davidson, JP

S/ William Clark



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South Carolina York District}

On this the 14th day of October 1837 personally appeared in open court before Benjamin

¹ [William Clark W8606](#)

² Probably the same John Wallis or Wallace whose application is filed in [John Wallis \(Wallace\) R11064](#)

Chambers Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary for York District David Patton who being duly sworn, makes the foregoing declaration as supplementary & explanatory of his declaration already on file in the War department, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, concerning the statement of Pensions.

Deponent states that the Declaration heretofore made by him is a correct statement of his services except in the following part –“*The same year say in 1781, he served three months in the fork of the Edisto SC under the command of Captain Henderson -- the plantation of Mr. Young being Head Quarters -- was employed in procuring cattle for General Greene's Army*”--

Deponent states that it is not true, nor did he intend to convey the idea by the above expressions, that he was engaged the whole three months in procuring war driving cattle, but only that during some part of this service he was so engaged. Deponent states that some 15 or 20 of the Army (of whom he was one) were detached to procure cattle for the Army & that they were so employed for about 15 days -- the remaining portion of the three months, he was engaged in the proper duties of the soldier -- though engaged in no battle during the period above mentioned, he was in the camp ready to do his duty -- and that whilst lying at the plantation of Mr. Young as above stated, the news of Peace reached the Army.

Sworn to & subscribed October 14th 1837

S/ David Patton

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South Carolina York District }

Personally appeared William Clark & made oath that the affidavit which he heretofore made before R. Davison Esquire & now on file in the War Department of the United States concerning the services of David Patton a revolutionary soldier is correct, except where he is made to say that said David was employed [in] the 3 months of service altogether in “procuring cattle for General Greene’s Army” – Deponent did not so mean, but only that during that period of service, he was employed partly in procuring subsistence for the Army – That David Patton & himself were sent out together to gather cattle, and were so employed for about 15 days, and then returned to camp – and during the whole period of service, except as above stated, said David Patton was in camp & performed the duties of a soldier – Sworn to & subscribed October 14, 1837

S/ William Clark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.67 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina and South Carolina militia.]