

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Patterson S30634

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State of Kentucky County of Hart: Sct

On the 10th day of March 1840 personally appeared before the Honorable Hart County Court, now sitting John Patterson a resident of said County of Hart and State aforesaid aged Seventy-Seven years, who being 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 of the United States passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

This applicant states that he entered the service as well as he now recollects and believes in the autumn of the year 1778 or 1779 as a volunteer in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina, and about the same month, that the British took possession of Savannah in the State of Georgia for a tour of five months, under Captain William Wilson of Rowan County, our Lieutenant was John Todd and Ensign was Alexander Dobbins, our Company commanded by the aforesaid officers rendezvoused in the Town of Salisbury, and were mustered into service, and formed part of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke, the whole was commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], who marched the Army through Charlotte in Mecklenburg County to Camden in South Carolina and on to the ten mile House near Charleston. This applicant was taken sick at Salisbury and was furloughed for one month, and did not march with the Army, but in about two weeks after the Army marched to Savannah, he joined Colonel A. Dobbins [Alexander Dobbins] who by arrangement was to carry on the sick delinquents, & about thirty wagons with provisions. This applicant drove one of the baggage wagons as far as Camden in South Carolina and having delivered the baggage at Camp near Camden, This applicant drove the wagon back by orders of Colonel Dobbins to Waxhaw Creek in Mecklenburg North Carolina, and in a few days this applicant joined the Company of William Armstrong in Rowan County and marched to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County, where we joined the regulars under Colonel Butler [John Butler]. We then marched to Ninety Six in South Carolina, where I joined the old Company of Captain Willson, they were on their march home, This applicant returned back with them to Rowan County and was paid by said Willson for a five months tour honorably discharged for said tour, and as well as this applicant now remembers he was discharged in the month of March 1779. This applicant would state, that he did not receive a written discharge, at the time he was discharged; that his Captain lived in the same vicinity with him, & told him, that he would give him a written discharge at any time he would apply for it;

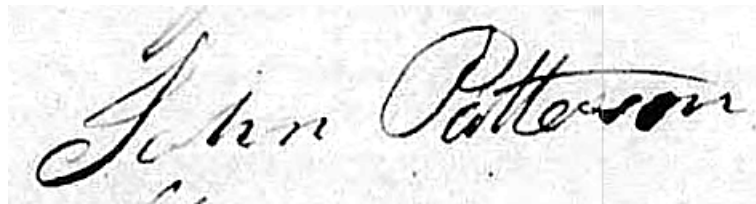
that he neglected from time to time to apply for it, that after the termination of the war & the treaty of peace, he thought his discharge would be of no service to him, that he subsequently moved from the State of North Carolina to the State of Kentucky, without having obtained his written discharge and never did obtain one. This applicant states that he served a tour of three months under Captain John Brandon of Rowan County North Carolina, we joined Morgan [Daniel Morgan] on twelve mile Creek in Mecklenburg County. We were mounted Infantry, and commanded by Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie], and moved into South Carolina, to a River then called little Sandy; We were discharged in the fall of 1780, at twelve mile Creek where I was discharged having served three months. This applicant does not recollect whether he received a discharge or not, if he did he has lost or mislaid it.

This applicant was called into service frequently as a minute man and under Ensign Robinson guarded the prisoners at the Salisbury jail in the autumn & winter of 1780 which had been taken at Ferguson's defeat,¹ and this applicant performed several minute tours under Colonel Locke and Colonel Brandon on the River Catawba in the summer of 1780 -- the whole minute tours amounted to a service of more than two months. This applicant would also state that he was several times called out against the Tories. This applicant would state that he fought in the battle under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] when said Davidson was killed crossing at the Ford on Catawba River,² he was also in another battle, on the same day at the widow Tarence [sic, Tarrant], where the British dragoons were engaged in the battle.

This applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that he does not know whether his name is on the roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Patterson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Patterson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline for the name.

[John Durham,³ a clergyman, and Mark Lively gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: in York County State of Pennsylvania on the 27th day of July 1762

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Rowan County North Carolina, lived in North Carolina for some years and then moved to Kentucky where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: first volunteered for 5 months and served as stated afterwards in my declaration, as a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

¹ The Battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780.

² February 1, 1781. Cowan's Ford

³ This is what the scribe wrote, but his signature looks more like "John Denham."

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not recollect distinctly, but my impressions are that Captain Willson, Colonel Locke General Rutherford under whom I served were all militia officers when I was in service under Captain Brandon, we were under the command of General Morgan who I believe was a regular officer,

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State of Kentucky County of Hart: Set

On the 4th day of May 1840 personally appeared before me Charles Murray a justice of the peace for heart County John Patterson a resident of said County of Hart & State of Kentucky who being sworn doth on his oath state that when he went on the first Tour as stated in his Declaration, now at the War department, & was taken sick and furloughed for one month as stated in said declaration, he only availed himself of the furlough for about 2 weeks, when his health improved & he joined Colonel A. Dobbins, who carried on the sick, and the wagons &c. This affiant drove one of the wagons as far as Camden in South Carolina, and having delivered the wagon back, immediately joined a company of Armstrong who joined the regular Army. This applicant would state that he was not engaged in driving the wagon more than 3 weeks -- Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Patterson

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The deposition of James Jones⁴ a soldier of the Revolution aged 78 years. Taken in the town of Owensboro on the 27th day of February 1839.

This deponent being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with John Patterson as a soldier in the revolutionary War, who resided then in Rowan County North Carolina that as well as this deponent now recollects in the same year and about the same month that the British took possession of Savannah in the State of Georgia the said John Patterson and this deponent volunteered as soldiers under Captain William Wilson of Rowan County and they were mustered into service under their said Captain Wilson in the town of Salisbury, the place of rendezvous from this point the whole Brigade under General Rutherford marched through Charlotte in Mecklenburg County to Camden in South Carolina and thence on to the 10 mile house near Charlestown and from thence to Purrysburg on the Savannah River where we joined the Army of General Lincoln, our Company was commanded by Colonel Francis Locke we were out 5 months during this tour and I know the said Patterson was a soldier in said Campaign, though he was absent a part of this time being furloughed on account of sickness.

I know also that the said John Patterson served under Captain John Brandon, a tour of 3 months. We joined the Army under General Morgan in North Carolina on 12 mile Creek in Mecklenburg County. This deponent was in Captain Thomas Cowan's Company and frequently saw the said Patterson on duty, and know that he served said tour of 3 months and he believed was honorably discharged.

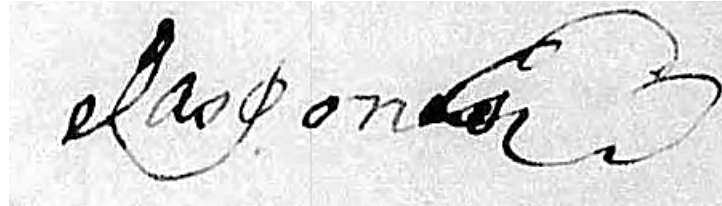
This deponent further states that he saw the said Patterson in the service on another occasion and remembers well to have seen him in the battle the very day that General William Lee Davidson was killed. I know he was out on several minute tours, as I saw him in service and understand that he guarded the Tories at the Salisbury Jail -- finally the said deponent saith he

⁴ [James Jones S31170](#)

well knows the said John Patterson now a Citizen of the County of Hart and personally here present to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that he performed the Several services in rated in the preceding deposition this deponent considered himself only a few years older than the said Patterson.

In Testimony whereof the said James Jones signs & seals this deposition.

S/ Jas. Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Jones", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper background.

Witness

S/ John Patterson

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Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Hart to wit

On the 4th day of May 1840 personally appeared before me Charles Murray a justice of the peace for heart County, John Patterson, a resident of said County of Hart and State aforesaid, who being sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration to which, That he lives at the lower end of the County at a distance from Munfordville the County Seat of Hart County, being the County in which he resides, that he very seldom comes to town, and did not for several years after the passage of the act of the 7th of June 1832 know it, and was not informed of it, until he was on one occasion in town, and was by an individual, who knew he was reputed to have served in the Revolutionary War, informed of the existence of such a law, and that he must make proof, by someone, who had personal knowledge of his service, and this he knew not how to do; not knowing the residence of anyone who had a personal knowledge of his service: or indeed whether any who served with him were yet living, and continued in this uninformed situation, until he learned the residence of Mr. Jones of Daviess County Kentucky whose deposition he has taken and has heretofore forwarded that deposition -- to the War department --

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Patterson

[letter in the file [p 28] dated April 16th, 1855 from Munfordville Kentucky asserts that Mrs. Berry Self is the 'only child and heir' of John Patterson.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]