

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Yelverton Payton S31291

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State of Kentucky Madison County: SS

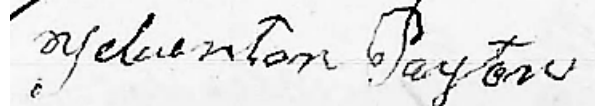
On this 27 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William Goodloe, Richard Broaddus & Christopher Harris – Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting Yelverton Peyton [sic] a resident of said County of Madison aged seventy-seven years in November next, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – That in 1777 he volunteered from the boundary of the now County of Montgomery in Virginia & served a tour of duty in the militia against the Indians – an express came that the Watauga Fort was invested with the Indians & a call for relief – he was in a company commanded by Captain Jos. Rinfro [Joseph Renfro?]- Will Terry [William Terry?] was Lieutenant – Colonel Russell, Colonel Archer & Colonel Will Campbell [William Campbell] were all officers on this expedition – we marched on towards the Fort but before we reached it we learned that the Indians had retreated – we were then discharged – he is unable to say how long he was out, and thinks before he reached home about 30 days. In 1779 last March or 1st April he came to Kentucky and helped build Whitley's Station in Lincoln County – in May 1779 he volunteered in Captain John Kennedy's Company and performed a tour of duty of cross the Ohio [River] to the old Chillicothe Towns – Colonel John Bowman commanded – was absent on this tour between 30 & sixty days – after his return he continued at Whitley's Fort or Station during the remainder of the year of 1779 – acted as an Indian Spy and guard – In the spring of 1780 he went to English's Station near the Crab Orchard continued in Captain Kennedy's Company & remained at said station during the year 1780 & 1781 & continued to act as an Indian Spy = sometime he was out for a month at a time, sometimes less – sometimes he went a considerable distance from the Fort & frequently scouting & Spying in the neighborhood. In 1782 he continued to act as a spy till the fall of that year he went across the Ohio as a volunteer in Captain Andrew Kincaid's [?] Company – General Geo. Rogers Clark [George Rogers Clark] Commandant, went to the Pickaway [Pickaway] Towns on Big Miami [River] – was in the engagement – in 1786 he served another Campaign against the Indians across the Ohio under General Ben. Logan [Benjamin Logan] – He states that from the spring 1779 till the close of the year 1782 he was the greater portion of his time actually engaged either on Campaigns or Scouting parties against the Indians or acting as a Spy against the Indians – He has resided in Madison County between 30 & 40 years & has been in Kentucky sent 1779 – he has no documentary evidence to prove his services in his possession – He can prove most of them by Major Jos. Kennedy [Joseph Kennedy] & others. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever

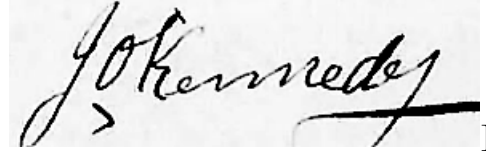
to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Yelverton Payton



[Joseph Kennedy & Dr. Alexander Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition Joseph Kennedy "...states that he has known said Peyton since 1779 and knows of his own knowledge most of the facts stated in his declaration are true.... -"



State of Kentucky Madison County

On this 7th day of January 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before John Hawkins, Henry B. Hawkins & Will Wattis Justices of the Madison County Court now sitting Yelverton Payton a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration supplementary to his Declaration made in said Court on the 27th of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he served during the Revolutionary War as a volunteer in the Militia, as a private, on campaigns against the Indians and as Indian Spy not less than two years – that he served that length of time & longer he is certain & for such service he claims a pension – He states that his recollection will not enable him to be more explicit in relation to the periods of the Revolutionary War when he served than he has stated in his original Declaration. That he first served in 1777 in Virginia in August or July – he thinks – In the spring of 1779 he came to Kentucky to Whitley's Fort or Station – From that time till the close of the year 1782 he acted as an Indian spy & guard to the forts of Whitley & English most of the time except when he was out on campaigns against the Indians – that he was in Captain John Kennedy's Company until he was killed as he thinks in 1781. After that he was in Captain Kincaid's Company till after 1782. Benjamin Logan was the Colonel – was frequently out with him on Scouting parties against the Indians –

That he was born in Amherst County Virginia in November 25, 1755 – that he has in his possession a record of his age taken by him from a record made by his father – that he does not recollect ever receiving any written discharges – if he ever did, they are destroyed or mislaid – He states that Mrse. Joseph Kennedy & Doctor Alexander Miller are his neighbors & have & can testify concerning his character & the belief of his Services said Kennedy knows that he performed most of the services as stated in this & his original Declaration.

Subscribed & sworn to on the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Yelverton Payton

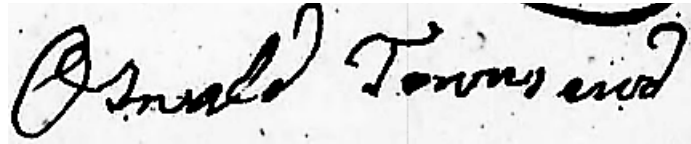
[Peter Tribble, a clergyman, and Geo. Alcorn gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct.

On this 14th day of October 1833 personally appeared before me Thomas Willis a Justice

of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Major Oswald Townsend¹ a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath that he came to Kentucky in the year 1775 & has resided in Madison County aforesaid ever since – that in the year 1779 he became acquainted with Yelverton Payton an applicant for a pension from the County aforesaid – That said Payton served in Captain John Kennedy's Company who commanded Kennedy's Fort or station – that said Payton continued in said Kennedy's company till Kennedy was killed by the Indians in 1781 or 1782 – Kennedy was Captain under old Colonel Benjamin Logan – I was frequently out on Campaigns against the Indians & know that Payton was also out – after Kennedy was killed my recollection is that Payton was enrolled & served in Captain Kincaid's Company who was also under Logan as Colonel – Payton was sometimes serving in English's Fort, sometimes in Whitley's Fort – & was from the time I first knew him in the spring of the year 1779, I think, most of his time in active service till the close of the war – He was esteemed a good soldier & has always sustained a very good character. I have known him from 1779 until this day.

S/ Oswald Townsend

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Oswald Townsend". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[f p. 20: On May 31, 1833, in Madison County Kentucky, the veteran gave yet another supplemental declaration largely restating the service is contained in his prior declarations but adding that he served a short time in Captain S. Davis' Company.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

¹ [Oswald Townsend W605](#)