

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Patterson S31903

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State of Georgia DeKalb County: On this seventeenth day of March in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of said County now sitting Robert Patterson a resident of the County & State aforesaid 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 an 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. In the year 1780 he resided in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia and was drafted in the fall of said year, and entered the service of the United States in the company of Patrick Buchanan a militia Capt. he was drafted for a tour of three months which he served as a private, he was marched from Augusta County Virginia to Charlotte courthouse in the State of North Carolina where he joined the Army under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] under whose command he served until his term of three months service had expired which was shortly after the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in the fore part of the year 1781. He states that he was not in the battle at the Cowpens being sick at that time. He was acquainted with Col. Washington of the Light horse and also Col. Lee of the Light Horse both of whom were attached to the Army in which he served at that time. He further states that shortly after his return home to Augusta County Virginia he was again drafted as a militia man and private for a tour of three months this was in the year 1781 – he was in the company of Capt. Thomas Smith a militia officer and was under the command of Col. George Moffitt and was marched to the State of North Carolina where he joined the Army under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene], in which Army he served until his tour of three months was expired – during this term of service he was in the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], he was acquainted with Col. Campbell & General Green who were in this battle in addition to the officers mentioned above. He states that his time of service expired not long after the battle of Guilford. He states that during the above stated tours of service of three months each, he was in actual service in the Army of the United States and not during any part of that time engaged in any civil pursuit. He states that he was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1763 in Augusta County State of Virginia.

He has a record of his age in his Bible taken from his father's Bible.

He was living in Augusta County Virginia when called into service and lived there until the close of the Revolution. From thence he removed to Abbeville District South Carolina, from thence to Morgan County Georgia – from thence to Newton County & from thence to DeKalb where he now resides.

He states that he was drafted both times he was called into service.

He states that he knew General Green, General Morgan, Col. Washington, Col. Lee, Col. Campbell and Col. Moffitt who were with the troops where he served – He states that he never

received any written discharge from the service. He states that he is known to Thomas Bolton Esq., Harman Waldrip, Dr. George Hamilton & James Miller in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service – nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the same.

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. This declarant further states he has been unable to procure the certificate of a clergyman there being none at the court with whom he is acquainted.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court this 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1834  
S/ Hiram Warner, Judge Superior Court CC

S/ Robert Patterson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Patterson". The ink is dark and the signature is written over a light-colored background.

[Daniel Johnson and Charles Lively gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]