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Pension application of Thomas Patten (Patton) S32429

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State of Illinois, Crawford County

On this 13th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Subscriber, one of the County Commissioners Court (Said Court being a court of Record) of the County and State aforesaid Thomas Patten a Resident of Palestine Township in Said County, aged ninety seven years the 25th day of April last (as he believes) 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 7, 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, He says he was three or four years in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War; which a few years ago, he could have related correctly; But at this time he can recollect only two six-months tours, to wit in the latter part of the year 1779, he volunteered and entered the Service of the United States in Captain John Hardy's Company (Thomas Kennedy Lieutenant) for the term of six months he was mustered into Service at Salisbury, Roan [sic, Rowan, spelled 'Roan' throughout] County North Carolina, the day & month he cannot recollect, he marched to Ramsay's Mills, where he was in a Battle with the Tories, and Some British, Col Joseph McDowell commanded the Americans, none of the Regular troops were with them. His company was for the most part in pursuit of Tories; at the expiration of six months he was marched to Salisbury and discharged by word of mouth; in a few days he again volunteered in Captain John Hardy's Company, in the year 1780: he cannot tell the day or month, he marched several tours after Tories & was in the Battle of King's Mountain in Col Campbell's [William Campbell's] division, Col. Furguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] commanded the British & Tories and was killed, he was also at the Battle of the Cowpens, having been changed from Captain Hardy's Company to Captain William Neel's Company, Col McDowell was in the Battle of the Cowpens & Genl Morgan & others now forgot. After serving Six months he was discharged by word of mouth. He resided in Rowan County North Carolina when he entered the Service of the United States. He recollects that Col Washington [William Washington] was several times with the troops & other Regular officers though cannot tell their names. He says he well remembers that in one of his tours he marched after Cornwallis from Salisbury down to Guilford Court House & was in the Battle at Guilford Court House – from old age and severe afflictions from a Broken leg recently, his memory is almost gone.

He has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Services. 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/ Thomas Patton, X his mark

Interrogatories or answers to them:

1st: He was born in Marlborough Pennsylvania on the 25th (he thinks) of April 1735.

2nd: He has no Record of his age now, it was in his Bible Burnt up long Since in his House

3rd: He lived in Rowan County North Carolina when called into Service, where he lived a long time after the Revolutionary war, then moved to Indiana then to Crawford County Illinois where he now lives

4th: He volunteered in the Service

5th: He Recollects no Regular officers with whom he Served save Col Washington who was some time with him

6th: He never received a written discharge

7th: Thomas Kennedy a Clergyman & Ithra [?] Brashears are persons who know him & can testify as to his character for veracity & belief of his being a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Patton, X his mark

[Thomas Kennedy, a clergyman, and Ithra Brashears gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Crawford County: Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Thomas Patten and who being duly sworn, deposed and 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 the term of one year I served as a private, and for such service I claim a pension.

Subscribed and Sworn to before made this 11th day of May A.D. 1833

S/ Basil Brashar, JP

S/ Thomas Patton, X his mark