

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ebenezer Pyott (Pyatt) S32460

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State of Illinois Jackson County } SS

On this 4th day of September A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court of Jackson County in the State of Illinois now sitting Ebenezer Pyatt, a Resident of Jackson County and State of Illinois aged Seventy Seven 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 in the year 1775 he was a Citizen of upper Darby Township Chester County in the State of Pennsylvania and in the fall after said year this Deponent enlisted for a term of five months in what was called the flying Camp in a Company commanded by Captain Hinds Lieutenant Peacock Major___. The first part of this Tower [tour] this Deponent for two months was sent off in search of Deserters from the Army at which time he was at a little town called Lehi [Lehigh?] in the forks of the Delaware River. During this two months he was under the command of only an Orderly Sergeant upon his return he joined the troops at Fort Constitution soon after that the Americans (this Deponent among them) retreated from said Fort and continued to retreat before the Army to Trenton New Jersey and crossed the river at that place and in about a week from that time his said tour of five months expired and this Deponent was discharged by a written discharge. General Washington commanded during the said Retreat. Previous to the aforesaid five months Service this deponent served a two months tour as a Drafted Militia man in the headquarters of the Army at that time was at Amboy and at the expiration of that tour he without returning home enlisted for the five months tour above mentioned. The Captain of the company to which this Deponent belonged during the first tour was by the name of Boar Mathews. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Gibson. During this time a Party, this deponent 1 of them, were sent over to Staten Island and had a battle or skirmish with a Party of the enemy at a little town called Kuckles town [Knuckles Town?] and took a party fourteen Hessians and about thirty British and at the expiration of said 2 months he was discharged at Amboy by Colonel Gibson.

In the spring of the year 1777 as this deponent believes this Deponent had become a citizen of Loudoun County in the State of Virginia in the month of April there was a call for Militia to serve one year and this Deponent was drafted and Joined the Eighth Regiment in the Pennsylvania line in a company commanded by Captain Van Swearingen – the Colonel of the Regiment was by the name of Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead]. He joined the Army under Washington at Valley Forge before they broke up their encampment at that place where had been there winter quarters – They marched out as far as Lancaster and celebrated 4 July: the 8th Pennsylvania line and 13th of Virginia Line were detached from the main Army under General Washington and put under the command of General Macintosh [Lachlan McIntosh] and marched

over the mountains past Fort Pitt to a place on the Ohio River afterwards called Fort McIntosh – After this General Macintosh was sent to the South and Broadhead finished Fort McIntosh. In the fall this Deponent was sent down below the mouth of Little Beaver [River] with horses to forage and remained there until hard frost – Upon return this deponent was sent over to the Monongahela to a Creek called ten mile to David Duncan's who had purchased forage for the horses and there remained all winter with the horses. At the expiration of the year this deponent was sick at the home of a man by the name of Jacob Kling and of course could not return home until two months or more after his year was out

In the year 1779 or 80 this deponent then became a Citizen of Henry County Virginia Substituted for a tour of two months in Captain George Hairston's Company in Colonel Tucker's Regiment Major Hahorn [?] and marched down to the Lower part of Virginia to the Hickory Nut Church Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills] Va. this was in the summer before the taking of Cornwallis – Served out his tour and was regularly Discharged –

In the fall of the same year this deponent served as a substitute for one __ King for a tour of two months under Captain James Cowden and served in the same manner and in much the same Country as before – Served out the said last mentioned tour and received a regular discharge there for – This deponent believes he at this time received written discharges but has none of them in his possession at present not thinking them worth his attention presumes they are long ago lost and has no documentary evidence in his power by which to prove his said Services – Neither does this deponent know of any person now within his reach by whom he could prove his actual service – During the most of the time this Deponent served as above stated he acted in the capacity of Orderly Sergeant. In the last tour all the time in the last but one nearly all the time and in the others a part of the time.

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.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born

Answer In Chester County upper Darby Township Pennsylvania in the year 1755

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

Answer I have none my Father kept a record of his children's ages in his family Bible but I have not seen it for a long time

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

Answer I refer to my former [sic, formal?] statements for answer to the first part of this question & since the war I have moved out of Henry County to a place on the Ohio River seven miles above Wheeling from thence to Tennessee Montgomery County thence to Jackson County Illinois where I now live

Question 4. How were you called into Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom –

Answer The first tour went as a Drafted Militia man the second tour enlisted in the flying Camp Third tour Drafted Militia the two last as a substitute the first for Daniel Bidiman the second for one King –

Question 5 – State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service –

Answer I do not think I can make any additional statements to what I have already done which would be of any importance

Question 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it –

Answer – I have no doubt that at the time I received a regular written discharges from all tours of duty as they were of some value at that time to prove the fact of the service but after the war was over they were considered of no value as there were to be no further calls and they were lost
Question 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer – I give the names of Conrad Will and Micajah Etherton – citizens of this County and who are both acquainted with me.

S/ Eb^f Pyott

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Eb^f Pyatt', written in dark ink on a light-colored paper. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

[Conrad Will and Micajah Etherton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Illinois, Jackson County

On this 2nd day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the commissioners court of Jackson County State of Illinois, now sitting Ebenezer Pyatt [sic], a resident of Jackson County and State of Illinois, aged Seventy Eight, 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 on the 7th June 1832.

That in the year 1775 he was a citizen of Upper Darby Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and in the fall of the said year this deponent enlisted for a term of five months in what was called the Flying Camp in a company commanded by Captain Hinds, Lieutenant Peacock. The first part of the tour this deponent for two months was sent off in search of deserters for the army, at which time he was at a little place called Lehi [sic, Lehigh?] in the forks of the Delaware River, during these two months the party was under the command of an orderly sergeant. On his return he joined the troops at Fort Constitution and soon after the Americans, this deponent among them, retreated from said fort and continued to retreat before the enemy to Trenton, New Jersey, and crossed the river at that place. In about a week from that time the said tour of five months expired, and the deponent was discharged by a written discharge. General Washington commanded during the said retreat.

Previous to the said five months service, this deponent served a two months tour as a drafted militia man. The headquarters of the army at that time was Amboy, and at the expiration of that tour he, without returning home, enlisted for the five months tour above mentioned. The Captain of the company at which this deponent belonged during the two months tour was by the same Boas Mathews, the Colonel commanding the Regiment by the name of Gibson. During this time a party, this deponent one of them, was sent over to Staten Island and had a battle or skirmish with a party of the enemy at a little town called Kukles [sic?] Town, and took a party of fourteen Hessians and about thirty British, and at the expiration of the said two months he was discharged at Amboy by Col. Gibson.

In the spring of the year 1777 as this deponent believes he had become a citizen of Loudon [sic, Loudoun] County in the State of Virginia and in the month of April there was a call for Militia to serve one year, and this deponent was drafted and joined the Eighth Regiment in the Pennsylvania line in a company commanded by Capt. Van Swearingen, the Col. of the

Regiment was by the name of Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead]. He joined the army under Washington at Valley Forge before they broke up their encampment at that place which had been their winter quarters marched out as far as Lancaster and celebrated the 4th of July there. The Eighth Pennsylvania line and Thirteenth of Virginia line were detached from the main army under Gen. Washington, and just under the command of Gen. McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], and marched over the mountains past Fort Pitt to a place on the Ohio River afterwards called Ft. McIntosh. After this General McIntosh was sent to the South and Col. Broadhead finished Fort McIntosh. In the fall the deponent was sent down below the mouth of Little Beaver with horses to forage and remained there until hard frost. Upon his return the deponent was sent over the Monongahela River to a Creek called Ten Mile to David Duncan's, who purchased forage for the horses. At the expiration of the year this deponent was sick at the house of a man by the name of Jacob Kling, and of course, could not return home for two months (or more). After his said year had expired, for which said two months he claims. In the year 1779 or 1780, this deponent then being a citizen of Henry County, Virginia, substituted for a tour of two months in Capt. Geo. Hurston's [George Hairston's] company, in Col. Tucker's Regiment, Major Halcomb, and marched down to the lower part of Virginia to the Hickory Nut Church Marbin Hills [Malvern Hills] Va. This was the summer before the taking of Cornwallis, served out his tour and was regularly discharged.

In the fall of the same year this deponent served as a substitute for one King for another tour of two months under Capt. Samuel Cowden [sic, Capt. James Cowden, see earlier declaration] and served in the same manner and in much the same country as before served out the said last mentioned tour, and received a regular discharge; therefore, this deponent believes he at the time received written discharge, but none of them in his possession at present, not thinking them worth his attention, and presumes they were long ago lost; he further says he has no documentary evidence in his power by which to prove his said service, Neither does he know of any person now within his reach by whom he could prove same.

During a large share of the time this deponent served as above stated, he acted as Orderly Sergeant to wit; the last tour a part at least half the time. The deponent served five tours in all twenty five months including the two months he was sick. after the expiration of his first tour of which time twenty five months he claims thirteen months as Orderly Sergeant and twelve months as a private, he having served that time in those capacities respectfully.

He hereby relinquishes any claim for a previous or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Interrogations propounded by the court

1. Where and in what state were you born?

Answer: In Upper Darby Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1755.

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

Answer: I have none. My father kept a record in the family Bible, but I have not seen it for some time.

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

Answer: I refer to my former statement for answer to the former part of the question. Since the war I moved out of Henry County Virginia, to a place on the Ohio River, seven miles above Wheeling, thence to Montgomery Co., Tennessee, thence to Jackson Co, Illinois, where I now live.

4. How were you called into the service? Were you drafted or did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if substitute, for whom?

Answer: The first tour I went as a Drafted Militia man. Second Tour Enlisted in the Flying Camp. Third Tour, drafted Militia. The two last tours a substitute, the first of the two for

one Daniel Brilliman [?], the second for one King.

5. State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service? Answer: I do not think I can make additional statements to what I have already done which would be of any importance.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I have no doubt that at the time I received regular written discharge from each tour of service as they were of some value at that time to prove the fact of the service having been preformed, but after the war was over they were considered of no value as there was to be no further calls, and they were soon lost.

7. State the name of persons whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I give the name of Elijah Spiller, a clergyman, and George Creath, a citizen of my neighborhood, and who are both acquainted with me.

Sworn to and inscribed in open court the day and Year aforesaid

S/ J. Manning, Clk

S/ Eb^f Pyott

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eb^f Pyott". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

We, Elijah Spiller, a Clergyman residing in the county of Jackson, and George Creath, also residing in the same County, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Ebenezer Pyatt, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy eight years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resided, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. Subscribed and sworn to in open court the day and year aforesaid

Attest: S/ J. Manning, Clerk.

S/ Elijah Spiller

S/ George Creath

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$98.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 13 months and as a private for 9 months, all in the Pennsylvania service.]