

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Patterson S35545

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State of Kentucky Knox County Court Sct. January Term 1825

William Patterson an applicant for a pension proved in court a statement of the services performed by him during the revolutionary war in order to obtain the provisions of the several acts of Congress relating to persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war which statement being sworn to in open court and due form of law is order to be entered of record copied and certified to the Secretary of War and is in the words and figures following (to wit)

State of Kentucky Knox County Sct.

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1825 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record by law and having the power of fine and imprisonment) William Paterson a resident of said County aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1823 that he the said William Patterson enlisted for the term of 2 years in March 1775 in the County of Augusta and the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Hays in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Mathews in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment and called the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment that he continued to serve in the Corps until the Battle of German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] when and where he was taken prisoner and that he remained a prisoner until the time of enlistment expired when he was discharged at Elizabethtown Point in the State of New Jersey by an officer whose name is not recollected that when he was taken prisoner at the Battle of German Town the British marched them to Philadelphia where he was kept nine months then sent to the City of New York and there remained about one month and was then sent with about seven hundred men to Elizabeth town Point in New Jersey and there discharged as before stated that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and several other skirmishes before the Battle of Germantown that he served more than one year before he was taken prisoner and in the service and as a prisoner he served more than two years on the Continental line and in the service of the United States that shortly after his enlistment he was promoted as a Sergeant that he was under his Captain, Colonel and in the same Regiment he enlisted when he was taken prisoner. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income

other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

1 old horse	\$10.00
5 head of cattle	22.00
13 head of hogs	12.75

I have a wife and three children and am a farmer by occupation from infirmity and old age past labor.

S/ Wm Patterson



Also appeared in open Court Christopher Horn<sup>1</sup> a respectable witness and made oath that he enlisted in Staunton Augusta County Virginia with William Patterson who now applies for a pension in Captain John Hays Company 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Mathews and well knows that he served as stated in his declaration and that they lived neighbors for many years in said County.

S/ Christopher Horn

State of Kentucky Knox County Sct.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1827 personally appeared in open Court (it being a court of record made so by act of Assembly of Kentucky proceeding according to the course of the common law possessed of unlimited jurisdiction in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial district before the Honorable Joseph Eve one of the Circuit Judges of this Commonwealth in and for the said district aforesaid) William Patterson a resident citizen in said County aged about 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following [indecipherable he faint word or words] declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said William Patterson enlisted for the term of 2 years as a private on the \_\_\_day of \_\_\_ in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the County of Augusta about 20 miles from Staunton in the company commanded by Captain John Hays in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel George Mathews in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment so soon as the Company was completed he was appointed by his Captain aforesaid a Sergeant in said company and continued to serve in that capacity until he was taken prisoner at Germantown he remained a prisoner with the enemy about nine months and in the meantime his term of service expired when he was exchanged by the enemy and discharged at Elizabeth Town Point in the State of New York by an officer whose name he does not recollect he got no written discharge that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except on the roll of the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment and that the following all the reasons why he has not made sooner application. That heretofore he has made out two petitions and schedules in the Knox court aforesaid which have both been at the war Department to which he refers as a part of this Petition if they are recorded in the war Department and if they are not he will cause them to be forwarded to the Secretary of the War. They are now in the possession of Colonel T. Quarls residing fifty miles from this place that since he filed the last petition & schedule he waited sometime to know the results and since he ascertained it he has neglected making earlier application by the present petition. The year he enlisted he was under the impression it was in

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W664

1775 but upon reflection it may have been in the year 1776 but his name no doubt will appear on the rolls of the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment aforesaid he likewise was under the impression that he was discharged in New ~~York~~ Jersey but now believes it was in New York and in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me personally signed (to wit)

1 horse worth	\$30.00
4 head of cattle worth	30.00
20 head of hogs worth	<u>20.00</u>
no debts owing him	80.00

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 he owned the horse, cattle and hogs aforesaid and that no changes have taken place in the same other than for the necessary use of his family and that the total amount of its value did not exceed \$100 his family consist of himself & his wife Jane about forty years old \_\_\_ to support herself by work *he has not for several years part worked any himself of any consequence*<sup>2</sup> being so old and infirm that he is not able to do so he at present owes about \$75.

S/ William Patterson

Christopher Horn a reputable witness came in to court and made oath that he enlisted in the Company and Regiment described in the foregoing petition that he continues to serve in said Company about one year when he was detached from the same being the whole time he served in said Company the said William Patterson was acting Sergeant and said Company and there was not in any other man of the same name in said Company that from his knowledge of the estate of the said William Patterson he has no doubt the foregoing schedule as to his property and its value is true.

[Attested January 10, 1828 by James T Ballenger, clerk of the Knox County Circuit Court]

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 1828, Christopher Horn, came into the Knox Circuit Court before the Honorable Joseph Eve, sole & presiding Judge it being a court of record, made so by act of assembly of the State of Kentucky and after being first sworn, he make[s] the following as an additional statement to his testimony for the benefit of William Patterson, who filed his pro. [Proclamation] & schedule in the Knox County Court at the January term of said court 1825, and an amended one in the Knox Circuit Court at the July term 1827 before the aforesaid Honorable Joseph Eve. The said Horn declares that the statement of said Patterson (except as to the date of enlistment in the first pro being in 1776 in said pros. & Schedule are true. He enlisted with said Patterson near Stantown [sic] in the State of Virginia, by Ensign Lewis, in the company commanded by Captain John Hays in the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Mathews, own Virginia line Continental establishment – Patterson was enlisted by Lieutenant Andrew more in the company and in the same Regiment aforesaid – the said Patterson was taken prisoner at German Town – For many years since he has lived a near neighbor to the said

<sup>2</sup> sic—I've transcribed it as written, but it makes no sense

Patterson – He is now a pensioner for serving in the said Regiment.  
S/ C. Horn

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1829, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years.]