

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Yelton S35753

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State of Kentucky Pendleton District Court July Term 1820 Sct.

William Yelton, a Soldier of the Revolution, this day came into court and delivered in the following written declaration of his services with a schedule of his property thereto annexed viz.: "State of Kentucky Pendleton Circuit Sct. On this 18th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record by an act of the General Assembly of the State aforesaid, William Yelton aged 63 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 act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820: That he the said William Yelton enlisted for the term of three years on the ___ day of ___ 1781 in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Kilpatrick [sic, Abraham Kirkpatrick?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Dark in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the ___ day of ___ 1783 when he was discharged from the said service at Point of Fork in the State of Virginia, as a private soldier: that he was in the battle at the Siege of Little York in Virginia and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the evidence of John Waller which is hereto annexed, and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 (to wit)

Two small horses worth \$20 each	\$40.00
Once cow & \$15	15.00
Farming utensils, to wit, 2 plows	
2 hoes, 2 axes	12.00
½ dozen plates, crockery ware, one oven	
one pot, 3 chairs, one table	5.00
Seven Shoats	<u>2.50</u>
	\$74.50

I am by occupation a farmer, but can with great difficulty make bread for my family, which consists of my aged wife and my daughter aged 27 years, who are unable to assist me.

S/ William Yelton, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 18th of July 1820

S/ John Trimble, Circuit Judge

Deposition of James Yelton,¹ aged 66 – years taken at the Clerk's Office in the town of Falmouth in the County of Pendleton and State of Kentucky on Tuesday the 5th day of February 1822, who being first duly sworn deposed and saith: That he is and has been ever since and prior to the year 1781, well acquainted with William Yelton (who is now an applicant for a Pension, in pursuance of the acts of Congress of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820), that he has personal knowledge of the said William Yelton having been enlisted as a soldier in the Service of the United States, by John Waller, in the year 1781, for the term of three years: That said William, in pursuance of said enlistment, marched and was absent from his place of residence in Virginia until after the termination of the Revolutionary War And that during the period of his absence it was generally reputed and believed that said William was engaged as a soldier on the Continental establishment in the service of the United States: That this Deponent believes, at that time, and does yet verily believe that said William did actually join the Army in the year 1781 and served the United States in the capacity of a soldier in the R. War, in the Virginia line, on the establishment aforesaid, from sometime early in the year 1781 until the termination of the War. And that said William Yelton now & for near 3 years has been a resident of Pendleton County Kentucky. And further this deponent saith not.



State of Kentucky, Pendleton County, to wit:

The Deposition of John Waller² aged sixty-eight years taken at the Clerk's Office in the town of Falmouth in the County aforesaid, on Tuesday the 5th day of February 1822:

This Deponent being first duly sworn deposed and saith that in the month of ___ in the year 1781 he was a recruiting Sergeant and as such belonged to the company of Captain Kirkpatrick, of the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Dark of the Virginia line, on the Continental establishment. That while acting in that capacity he was authorized and employed by General Mullenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg] of the U.S. Army to enlist soldiers in the service of the United States, and did, among others, enlist William Yelton who is now an applicant for a pension, in pursuance of the acts of Congress of the US of the 18th of March 1818 & first May 1820 & whose Declaration & Schedule is hereto annexed as a soldier in the Service of the said United States, for the term of 3 years from the ___ day of ___ in the year 1781; and that said Yelton did actually join the Army and served the US in the capacity of a soldier in the Revolutionary War, immediately after his enlistment as aforesaid until the termination of said War and 1783 when he was discharged at Point of Fork as stated by said Yelton – & further saith not.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 21st, 1820, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [James Yelton \(Yetton\) S30810](#)

² FPA S37503