

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Patterson S3648

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State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS

On this 17th day of January A.D. 1834 personally appeared before Joseph M Ashurst a justice of the peace for the County of Anderson aforesaid William Paterson eighty years of age infirm and unable to get to a court of record and at the house of the said William Paterson in the County of Anderson aforesaid 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 7th 1832. That he was born in Augusta County in the State of Virginia on the 21st day of October A.D. 1753 as he is informed by his parents he had a record left him by his father of his age which is the day & date last aforesaid but said record being made in a Bible and from the length of time and the use of the said Bible said record is now mutilated and worn out. He lived in the state of North Carolina when he was between the age of twenty & twenty-five years of age in that part of North Carolina which is now Tennessee Sullivan County or Hawkins County on the Holston River about five miles below the North fork of Holston River the date of the year from old age & consequent loss of memory he can't now recollect but it was well before he was married, some 2 or 3 years and he was married at twenty-five years of age, he was drafted and called into service of the United States under the following named officers, Capt. John Anderson there was no left Tenant [Lieutenant] or Ensign applicant was appointed orderly Sergeant & served as such said Capt. and his company in which applicant was one and Sergeant as aforesaid was ordered by his Col. David Looney to Mockerson Gap [Moccasin Gap] Blockhouse and was stationed there three months as a guard against the Indians to keep them off of the front tears and having served his full three months as orderly Sgt. as aforesaid & bore arms & followed no civil pursuit – applicant was then honorably discharged by Capt. Anderson which discharge has been burnt in applicant's house some years ago, the above service was rendered in the fall of the year from causes above stated applicant can't now recollect the [date] or the length of time before he was called into service again but applicant resided in the same neighborhood as applicant now believes about twelve months & in the fall season of the year he was called into the service of the United States again drafted, & entered the service under the following named officers to wit Captain John Looney, had no Ensign or Lieutenant but applicant was again appointed orderly Sergeant, they was ordered by their Colonel David Looney to Blackmore's Station on Clinch River they were stationed at said Station three months the whole of which time applicant served as Sergeant and bore arms and guarded the Indians off of the frontiers had no battle or engagement with the Indians he was honorably discharged by the said Captain John Looney but said discharge was long since burned when his first aforesaid discharge was burnt. He continued to reside on the

Holston River some short time when he was called on to go & fight the Indians at the Long Island on Holston River applicant was in the Battle aforesaid at the Long Island said Battle commenced in the morning about 10 o'clock. Battle lasted about one half hour. They defeated the Indians killed twelve Indians dead upon the ground the whites had 4 men wounded, applicant was then drafted to go a campaign against the Indians & entered the service of the United States under the following named officers to wit Captain Gilbert Christy [Gilbert Christian] Ensign & Lieutenant & Major's name not now recollected from causes above stated Colonel William Christy [William Christian] from Virginia was chief commander of said campaign they rendezvoused at the Long Island their force was about fifteen hundred in number. It was in the fall of the year they then marched down the Holston River across French Broad, Pigeon River & Little Tennessee and when they got to the Indian Town on the Tennessee the Indians had fled & left the Town they carried their provisions on pack horses, they was discharged by captain Companies from the Indian Town applicant received a discharge from his said Captain Christy which discharge was burnt at the time applicant's other discharges was burnt: applicant served three months in the above campaign & was that of a private applicant was at home about two years after the service of the last aforesaid campaign when he was again drafted as a horseman and inner the service of the United States under the following named officers, to wit Captain Wallace whose Christian name can't now be recollected by applicant Major's name can't now be recollected from the above cause – these officers was strangers to applicant before applicant served under them, Colonel Isaac Shelby & also Colonel Bleadsoe [Bledsoe] marched to & rendezvoused at John Phagan's [John Fagan's?] on the Holston River then marched to cross the mountains & through North Carolina by Charlotte and then into the State of South Carolina through Campden [Camden] which had been burnt by the British and then to the Santee River crossed the River applicant does not know the name of the ferry but it was near where General Marion was encamped in about a mile of the River near a large swamped [sic], they then joined General Marion. General Marion then marched them down towards Charleston and at a place between Moncks Corner and Charleston at a large house General Marion took ninety-six British Prisoners they then marched back to General Marion's encampment near the large Swamp aforesaid on the South side of the Santee River where applicant was honorably discharged by his Colonel Shelby, applicant served three months as a private horseman in the last aforesaid campaign his last aforesaid this burnt in his house at the time the other discharges was burnt from old age and consequent loss of memory as above stated applicant cannot give any other account of the period of the war than those already given by conservative of his absolute service applicant was acquainted with the following officers, to wit, Captain John Anderson, Captain John Looney, Colonel David Looney, Colonel William Christy, Captain Christy, Colonel Isaac Shelby, Colonel Bleadsoe, General Marion. Applicant has lived ever since the revolutionary war he has lived in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee and now reside in Anderson County Tennessee applicant has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person whose personal attendance he can procure by which he can prove his absolute services but Elijah Cross¹ of the County of Sullivan served with applicant in the time of the War against the Indians at Mockison gap. Applicant is further known to the following persons & citizens in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution to wit George W Hoskins, William McKaney, Samuel Young, Samuel Dunn, Joseph Parks, Robert Patterson, Matthew Patterson, there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood of applicant. Elijah Cross knows of a part of applicant's absolute service is two

¹ [Elijah Cross S1947](#)

[too] aged and infirm to obtain the personal attendance at the making of this declaration applicant hereby relinquishes every claim 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/ Joseph M. Ashurst, JP

S/ William Patterson, X his mark

[Robert Paterson & Matthew Patterson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS

On this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before George Hoskins a justice of the County Court for the County aforesaid William Patterson, a resident of the County of Anderson aforesaid & in the County aforesaid who from old age and bodily infirmity is unable to get to a court of record, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – that he served the second campaign in manner and form as stated in his original declaration under the several officers as stated in his original declaration, and that the several facts mentioned in said declaration are true as therein set forth. Applicant states that he is informed and believes that Elijah Cross who was formally a citizen of Sullivan County and who served with applicant at Mackison Gap has since the making of the original declaration in this cause departed this life and that it is now out of Applicant's power to obtain the testimony of said Cross. Applicant don't now know of any person by whom he can prove his absolute service. Applicant states that he was marched under Capt. John Anderson from the North fork of Holston [River] to Mockerson Gap. Applicant states that they had no battle but was stationed there for the term for which he was drafted to guard against the Indians – the second time applicant was drafted he was marched under Capt. Looney to Blackmore's Station on Clinch River and was there stationed for the period for which he was drafted but had no Battle, but served as a guard against the Indians – applicant does not now recollect of any remarkable event that took place in either of the before mentioned Towers [tours] of duty applicant was appointed Sergeant by parol by his captains in the two aforementioned Towers and served as he states applicant is wholly unable to prove his appointment, he asked a pension as that of a private applicant does not know the date of the years in which he served, but he well recollects that he served in the whole of his service not less [than] twelve months, and asked a pension for the portion of the service that was rendered during the Revolution.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born –

Answer. I was born in Augusta County State of Virginia in the year of 1753 –

Question 2nd have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer – I had a record left me by my father in a Bible which from the use of the Bible said record is now worn out –

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 lived in what was then North Carolina but now Tennessee Hawkins or Sullivan County, about five miles below the North fork of Holston, since the revolutionary War I have lived in the State of Tennessee and Kentucky and I now live in Anderson County Tennessee.

Question 4th how were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer I was drafted ever [every] time I was called into service I never volunteered nor was I a substitute for anybody –

Question 5th 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 Services.

Answer, there was no regiments in either of my first Towers as it was only a small body of men stationed to guard against the Indians and there was no regular officers – but when I was marched down the Holston River Col. Christy [William Christian] from Virginia was our chief commander, and when I was drafted as a horseman I was commanded by Col. Isaac Shelby the number of which Regiment is not now recollected by me, but Col. Bleadson also commanded in said Regiment we had no General until we crossed the Santee River & then we was commanded by General Marion –

The two first Towers I served I had no Battle or engagement, the 3rd time I was called into service I was in the Battle of the Long Island on Holston & was then marched down the Holston to the Indian Towns on Little Tennessee [River] but when arrived at the Towns the Indians had left there was then discharged by captains Company and returned back again the 4th time I was called into service I served as a horseman under Col. Shelby was marched across the mountains through North Carolina by Charlotte and then through South Carolina through Camden, which had been lately burnt by the British then across the Santee River and joined General Marion was marched by General Marion towards Charleston, and at a large House between Moncks Corner and Charleston General Marion took ninety prisoners was marched back by General Marion up to Marion's encampment and was there discharged, had no other Battle or engagement –

Question 6th did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer. I received four discharges from the service the first discharge was given by Capt. John Anderson for three months service rendered at Mockerson gap second discharge was given by Capt. John Looney for three months services rendered at Blackmore's station on Clinch River third discharge was given by Capt. Gilbert Christy for three months services against the Indians down the Holston River & on Little Tennessee fourth discharge was given by Col. Isaac Shelby for the three months services when I marched and joined General Marion the whole of which discharges I have the misfortune to have burnt when my house was burnt.

Question 7th 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 am known to Robert Patterson, Matthew Patterson, George Hoskins, William McKanny, Samuel Young, Samuel Dunn, Joseph Park.

Sworn to and subscribed
the day and year aforesaid
before me

S/ George Hoskins, JP

S/ William Patterson, X his mark

[f p. 29: On March 5, 1852 in Anderson County Tennessee, Robert E Patterson, 74, filed a power of attorney in which he states he is the son of William Patterson who died in 1841; that his mother's name was Nancy English and that she died previous to the death of his father; that his parents were residents of Anderson County Tennessee; that his father was pensioned at the rate of

\$30 per annum for his service in the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]