

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Patteson [Pattison, Patterson?] S3654

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State of Tennessee, Giles County: August Sessions of the County Court of said County for the year 1832

On the 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of said Court Robert Pattison Resident of said County aged seventy ~~six~~-five years 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, that is to say, at the age of 18 years & some months, he volunteered & entered the service under the Command of Captain McMullin [possibly William McMullen or John Mullen] & he thinks in the Regiment of Colonel William Hill as a militia man -- & marched from York County in South Carolina where he volunteered to Reedy River in said State of South Carolina -- they had a skirmish with the Tories on said River and took one hundred & three prisoners, & dispersed the rest. He was then marched back to said York County & discharged after a six weeks term of service. He next volunteered in North Carolina, and went on an expedition against the Tories in Ramsour's settlement. He does not remember under the command of what officer, they scoured the Country thereabouts for some time without meeting the enemy, & returned back into South Carolina and was discharged. The term of this service he does not recollect. He remained inactive until the spring of 1780. He then joined Captain Moffett's [John Moffett's] Company in the Militia service in South Carolina York County in which Company he continued in service as a minute man during the remainder of the Revolutionary war. They made a short stand at Hill's Iron works in said County of York, but were in a short time driven from there by the enemy. Then they fled to North Carolina and joined the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. He continued a soldier in said Command until the end of the war, which was 18 months. While he was under the command of General Sumter he was marched to Ramsour's settlement the second time, & reached there on the same morning immediately after the battle¹ fought there between the American troops & the enemy thence he was marched to Lancaster County South Carolina and below the Waxhaws settlement & they were forced to retreat back into North Carolina & thence back into South Carolina & fought a battle at Williams Lane [sic, Williamson's Lane or Plantation] & defeated Captain Hooks [sic, Huck's] party of the enemy -- & he saw the said Huck who was killed in that action.²

¹ June 20, 1780: http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

² July 12, 1780: http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

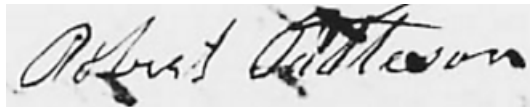
Thence they marched to Rocky Mount where they had a severe engagement³ with the British & Tories – But after five or six hours engagement, had to leave the enemy in possession of the fort. Thence he was marched to Moncks Corner within about 30 miles of Charleston South Carolina within 2 miles of which place at a Church, they had a considerable engagement with the enemy – but applicant was not at that battle & thence retreated to the North side of Santee River Crossing at Nelson's ferry, marched on to York County immediately from thence & after a short recruit marched to the forks of Edisto River in South Carolina while at that place he was under the Command of General Henderson [William Henderson] – after remaining at that station a few weeks he was discharged & went home -- & after a short interval he was marched under General Sumter to Blackstock's Ford on Enoree River [sic, Tyger River] where the American troops had a severe engagement⁴ with the British in which General Sumter was wounded and came off the field. Thence applicant was marched home with the troops, & was finally discharged. This was the last regular service that he performed during the war. He was in the service during the Revolutionary war from the fall of Charleston until the end of the war – besides the two short tours mentioned in the preceding part of this declaration. He has no documentary evidence by which to establish his claims. If he ever got any discharges, he does not recollect it & knows that he has not any of them in his possession now.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the date above written.

S/ German Lester, Clk

S/ Robert Patteson



[William H. Wilkins, a clergyman, and John Dickey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the year 1757 in the State of Pennsylvania and when very young was brought to South Carolina.

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

Answer: If I got it off my Father's Bible, I have lost it.

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 the State of South Carolina York County when I was called into service, I moved to North Carolina after the war and lived there a number of years and then I moved to the State of Tennessee, Rutherford County, and there lived many years and from thence I moved to Giles County about two years since.

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 went as a volunteer on all of the above expeditions.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I was under the Command of General Sumter, the greater part of my service and some short time under Colonel Neal [Andrew Neel].

³ July 30, 1780: http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁴ November 20, 1780: http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

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

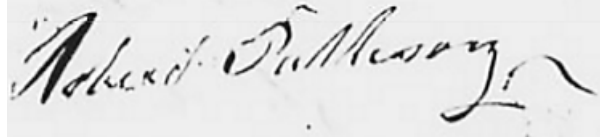
Answer: If I ever received a discharge I have no recollection of it.

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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: I am known to John Dickey, Esq., James R. Dickey, Joseph Brownlow, Thomas Rhea, James Hannah, Hamilton C. Campbell and many others, who can testify both as to my character for my veracity & their belief of my services in the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Patteson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Patteson".

S/ German Lester, Clerk

State of Tennessee, Giles County: Before William Mayfield Esq

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace for said County Robert Patteson , who signed the foregoing declaration, aged 76 years since the 5th of March last, who being duly sworn, deposeth 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 below, and in the following grades – For six weeks he served as a Militia man in the first service mentioned in the declaration six weeks, and the second term of service mentioned in his declaration he thinks he served two weeks. He now believes, that the last term of service mentioned in the said declaration lasted 17 months & seven days. He states that he believes he served during the revolutionary war in all 18 months & seven days, and that in all of said service he served as volunteer private soldier in the Militia for which service he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me, in said County this 22nd day of April 1833.

S/ William Mayfield, JP

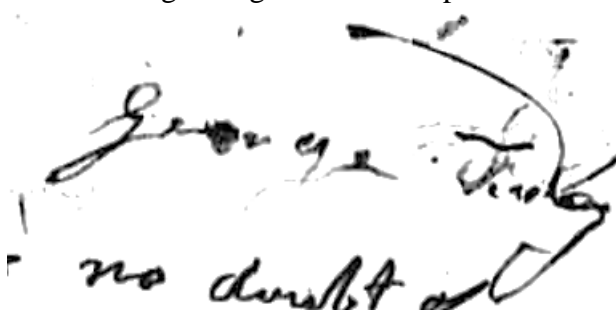
S/ Robert Patteson

This is to certify that Robert Patteson & myself were Soldiers together in the revolutionary war under General Sumter and that said Patteson was always in the Cavalry when I saw him & I never knew him to serve in the Infantry; this I can attest.

November [illegible] 1842

S/ George Findley⁵

I have no doubt of his being a Sergeant under Captain Muffet

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Findley". Below the signature, the words "no doubt" are written in a smaller, less legible cursive.

⁵ [George Findley W7273](#)

[pp: 21-23: use with care—difficult handwriting to decipher with certainty]

Giles County Campbellsville, April 10, 1843

Dear Sir

In a letter I received from you I [indecipherable word] thought it necessary in making my return for service done in the Revolutionary war I should explain – we were stationed [indecipherable word] far from whom et cetera et cetera. I will now give you a detail of my military career. Being 18 years old I inclined to fight for my Country. Went with Captain [indecipherable name]⁶ 50 miles to the West where we had troops stationed ordered to march 25 miles to face the foe started on Thursday traveled that night; engaged at daylight took 130 prisoners returned to head quarters that night a heavy snow⁷ fell suffered 3 or four weeks our Captain was dismissed came home Captain Moffett raising a company I volunteered my service during the war which lasted about 4 years. I was then appointed a Sergeant of a horse company Captain Moffett and Captain Meek [probably Adam Meek] endeavored to keep the enemy from injuring settlements but they began to burn homes and kill our neighbors. Bratton our Colonel and some men fled to North Carolina joined General Sumter. A battle at Ramseur an express sent to G it 20 miles from the battle ground ordered to rush [but the] Battle [was] over before we arrived there I saw my friend dead some sorely wounded General Sumter would not stay marched to South Carolina. Colonel Bratton 80 miles killed and took Captain Hook [Christian Huck] and all his forces. A short [indecipherable word] ordered to Rocky Mount 20 miles south traveled all night came to an engagement at sunrise continued four hours found the house impregnable retreated. Then ordered to take Colonel Philips 50 miles south took him without loss on our side, turned back with a few carts, wagons, horses for arms [1 or 2 indecipherable words] etc. Battle of Kings Mountain the N boundary of S.C. the battle on Saturday a cloudy day I heard their guns 2 miles from the place arrived next morning A tremendous sight their commander cut to pieces hundred lying on the ground Colonel Campbell fought the battle was a great officer that slew so many took 800 prisoners 9 wagons et magnanimous [?] turn Ordered towards Charleston crossed Congaree [River] in dinghies [?] Sumter's Army divided, the party I was in marched as near to Charleston as we could Sumter had a battle at a Church another 12 miles from that place he retreated we joined him, crossed Santee River in dinghies [?]; moved to the West 25 miles stationed some time [several indecipherable words] some trouble. I was ordered out with a party gone 10 days diet melons and roasting years returned fond of solid food had to carry an express 25 miles supposed to be a dangerous route returned safe G Sumter inclined to try his skill on Colonel Tarton [Banastre Tarleton] a Britain Marched on Friday and all night fired on him in the morning had to retreat that day and next and next tour 1 PM the enemy came upon us we contended about 4 hours General Sumter severely wounded made a bed got him over the River. This was about our last battle traveled all night which the 4th night without sleep.

The war about to close but we had still to be on the alert until the British troops evacuated Charleston.

Well Sir I have given you some of the outlines of my travels. If I were to write into particulars it would swell to a History.

I will now inform you that I have been at Pulaski [Tennessee] a few days ago Mr. Shields informs me that [indecipherable word] arrived that I was a Sergeant of a horse company during the war as proved by Mr. Hayn S. Carolina and by myself on oath when I laid in my claim 10

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⁷ Probably a reference to the Snow Campaign:

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

years ago and General Findley now in Giles County declares he ever saw me in the cavalry and never in the infantry though Mr. Shields made such an egregious blunder I must excuse him he is a man of much business. He informs me he will not write to you on the subject as I have stated I informed him I would write near the same time.

I will inform you my situation without I have purchased provisions from a neighbor some time ago he is dead his widow is distressed I cannot pay the poor woman it gives trouble I have 2 daughters with single advanced in life weakly my companion very old I in my 86th year no farm Now my dear Sir if you feel like doing anything for me please to let me know as to the service I performed I have not exaggerated to my knowledge. Deus prohibit I should.

Time should not [indecipherable word] our wounds. The truth is there is no [indecipherable word] like that of a good conscience no real [indecipherable word] but what results from a [indecipherable word] of Divine favor. Now my friend if I can have some redress you will please send me at line. If I have any encouragement perhaps I can buy something for the suffer of my family.

Dear Sir permit me to subscribe myself you're very sincere friend
S/ Robert Patteson

[pp: 29-32.]

June 06 Mr. A. V. Brown

Dear Sir, When I gave in my claim for service done in the Revolutionary War I gave on an oath so much service done as entitled me to one year's pay during my natural life. I now on oath make the statement that I was a Sergeant of a horse Company under Captain Moffett and I was in service in 1776. We had trouble with a people not far distant from us Captain Moffett commanded a large company and I was one of 14 men that volunteered ourselves to defend our country. We were mustered into service and I appointed Sergeant and served as such until near the close of the Contest when Moffett was advanced to the Majority and I received the wish of the company to command the same but had not the pleasure to command but a short time and so made no return but a Sergeant and I thereby I am entitled to pay for the same if I get Justice. I am truly surprised at the account that is given by Accomptant [sic] General [Comptroller General] South Carolina he says I served under Captain Meek 80 days as Captain Moffett's Sergeant and says he thinks that was all the service I did. Truly there must be some paper lost I had no intention to make a return of them few days I will now mention the time Captain Moffett not being able with his 14 men to stand his ground we left our homes and made a stand at Colonel Hill's Iron Works Captain Moffett and myself returned to the settlement where the Tories were so numerous to watch their motion we were gone about 2 days when we returned the enemy had drove our men and burned the Works we then fled to the East and met with Colonel Sumter. A number from different Companies made choice of him as our commander. We were then in North Carolina we without delay returned to South Carolina sometimes [paper damaged and text missing] the enemy and sometimes retreating. The first engagement we had was at Bratton's or Williamson's Lane as Grimshaw says in his history after that to Rocky Mount where we did not exceed as we did at Williamson's for there we killed and nearly all with [indecipherable word] body. After the Rocky Mount engagement we were called to Congaree River and fought our way as well as we could, had an engagement near Moncks Corner but had to retreat. Before the Close of the war we were stationed in that low country in the hot summer Months in the fall season we had the battle at Blackstocks where our General was wounded & myself was there and suffered much fatigue.

Now Mr. Edwards informs me that our routes where we were stationed should be mentioned. We traveled so much and [indecipherable word] at places 100 miles from home that it would be difficult now to ascertain the times and places

Dear Sir we confide much in your exertions and willingness to help a poor man in distress.

State of Tennessee Giles County: This day personally appeared Robert Pateson [sic] before me William Brownlow an acting Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that the statement on this first Page of this document is true to the best of his knowledge & belief sworn to & subscribed before me this 16 January 1843

S/ William Brownlow, JP

S/ Robert Patteson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$59.76 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months and 28 days in the South Carolina militia.]