

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Paylor S41941

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Virginia: At a Court held for the County of Charlotte the 3rd day of January in the year 1831

Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said County William Paylor aged about 73 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 Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820. That the said William Paylor enlisted at Charlotte Court House State of Virginia for the term of three years on the 20th day of October 1777 under the command [of] Lieutenant Holt a recruiting Officer who marched first to Alexandria where he was it inoculated for the Small Pox from thence he marched and joined the Army at Valley-Forge [Valley Forge] in the State of Pennsylvania he was put under the command of Captain Nathan Read whose company belonged to the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis [probably William Davies] and afterwards by Colonel Russell [probably William Russell]. He crossed the Delaware [River] into Jersey [New Jersey] and was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 17 78], marched from thence to a place called the White Plains marched from thence to West Point where he was taken sick, after recovered he joined the Army at Middle Brook [Middlebrook] where the Army wintered, marched thence to Philadelphia from thence to Charles-Town [Charleston] in South Carolina, he was in the Battle [Charleston was surrendered Made 12, 1780] at that place and was taken prisoner, he remained a prisoner in the hands of the enemy something like 12 or 14 months when he escaped but was taken by Tories and carried back to the enemy at Charles Town and was by them carried to the West Indies – he remained a prisoner until the conclusion of peace – he has now no other evidence of his service than the affidavits of Joseph Harris and Richard Vernon¹ 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
S/ William Paylor²

A list of the family of William Paylor

¹ [Richard Vernon S38451](#)

² Because the signature is in the identical handwriting in the balance of the document, I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran.

William Paylor age 73 years
 Nancy Paylor his wife 61 do
 Children
 Nancy Paylor – 39 do
 Sally Paylor – 17 do
 George Paylor – 15 do
 one slave named Dick age 65 Paylor

A Schedule of the property of William Paylor

191 acres of land at \$2 per acre	382
1 Negro man Dick aged 65	100
1 Horse	20
1 Yoke of Oxen	20
1 old Cart	7
7 hogs at 2 dollars each	14
1 Dagon Plough	1.50
2 pole axes	1.25
3 Grabing hoes	1.25
5 hilling hoes	1.25
1 hand Saw and draw knife	.50
1 lot of tools	1.00
2 pair traces and hames	.75
1 Shot gun	4
1 Candle Stand and toilet	1
4 Beds [beds] and furniture	34
1 Small Bed [bed]	3
6 Winsor [Windsor] chairs	3
5 Split Bottom do	1
1 Walnut Chest and toilet	2.50
1 dressing Table	.75
1 Felding Table	3.50
1 Cupboard and furniture	7.00
Parcel of Books	1.00
1 Pair Stilards	1
1 Loom	1
1 Cotton Wheel	.50
1 Check Bead	.25
1 Saddle Bridle and Saddle Bags	3.25
1 Lot old Barrels	.50
1 pair smoothing irons	.75
1 Lot pots and ovens	4
1 Lot Water Vessels	.75
1 Wheat Seive	.50
parcel leather	2.50
4 Slays	2
Loot tools	.50
2 Sythes and Coudles	2

Lot of tools	1.50
8 Bushels of Wheat at 60 Cents	4,80
The Crop of Corn as it stands in the field	60
The Crop of Tobacco	40
4 Oat Stacks	18
5 Blade Stacks	10
1 Top Stack	5
parcel of Straw	.50
parcel of Staves	.50
2 old hogsheads	1
Parcel of Silver Spoons	10
2 Bee hives	3
2 Jugs	<u>1.50</u>
	\$786.55

A List of the white family and their ages

William Paylor age 73 years

Nancy Paylor his wife 61

Children's ages

Nancy Paylor 39

Sally Paylor 17

George Paylor 15

Given under our hands this 29th day of October 1830

S/ Garnett Andrews

S/ James Campbell

A List of debts due from William Paylor

Amount Balance due from William Paylor this 6th December 1830

To Armistead & McCraw	\$410.47
To John Armistead & Son	55.14
To John Armistead	<u>10.46</u>
	\$476.07

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Charlotte County to wit

This day came before me Archibald D Alexander a Justice of the peace for said County Richard Vernon and made oath that William Paylor joined Captain Nathaniel Reids Company at the Valley Forge and served three years during the Revolutionary War, and he was at the battle of Monmouth and marched from thence to the White Plains &c

Given under my hand this 27th day of April 1830.

S/ Archibald D Alexander

The Affidavit of Joseph Harris Senior taken before a justice of the peace for the County of Charlotte on the 26 November 1830

Joseph Harris being first sworn saith

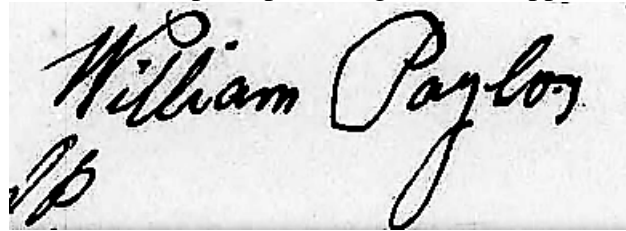
I heard my brother Robert Harris³ say that William Paylor and himself served together in

³ This MAY be the same man as [Robert Harris VAS10](#)

the Regular service of the United States three years in the Revolutionary War, that they were both in the battle at Charleston, South Carolina, and both taken prisoners by the British and they deserted from the and were making their way home to Virginia but were pursued by the Tories and overtaken, Paylor was taken by them and carried back to Charleston and delivered to the British.

Sworn to before me at Rough Creek Church is him November 18
S/ John H Marshall, JP

[f p. 14: On January 8, 1838 in Guilford County North Carolina, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the North Carolina agency saying that he had moved to North Carolina in hope of procuring a better support for himself and his family.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Paylor". To the left of the main signature, there are some smaller, less legible initials or a mark.

His application was supported by an affidavit given by John W Paylor, whose relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 18, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that William Paylor enlisted in the 14th Virginia Regiment the 28th of August 1777 served 3 years which time he faithfully served.

Given at New London

The September 29, 1783

S/ Nathan Reid, Capt. 1st Virga R.

A Troop Copy

Edward B. Lacy

[reverse]

I Asgn [assign] the land allowed me to Lt. Perryman or William Reynolds

S/ Wm Paylor, X his mark