

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Patrick S5882

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State of Virginia - Augusta County, towit:

On this 25th day of September 1832, personally in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Augusta now sitting, William Patrick, a resident in the County & State aforesaid, aged 69 years on the 21st day of last January, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the U. States under the following Officers & served as herein stated. —

That he was drafted as a militiaman & entered the service on his first Tour on the 1st day of January in the year 1781 at Teas (now Wayesborough) [the Widow Teas's at present Waynesboro] near Rockfish Gap in Augusta County Virginia under the command of Capt. Thomas Rankin of the Augusta militia - That about 4 weeks afterwards he was assigned to Capt. Charles Cameron's Company - That his company was attached to Col. Sampson Mathews' regiment of Augusta Militia, of which Wm. Bowyer was Lieutenant Colonel & Alex'r. Robertson Major - That he marched in said Companies & Regiment to the "old Bird ordinary" on the way to Richmond, where by reason of an Express being received (as was then said) that [Gen. Benedict] Arnold was about to come up the Rappahannock & destroy the stores at Falmouth, the march was changed to Fredericksburg - After remaining there a few weeks, he marched with his company & regiment to Portsmouth near Norfolk, about which place and the Dismal Swamp & surrounding country, he was in several little skirmishes with the British in scouting parties & detached companies, the events of which being very unimportant he does not particularly remember - Near Portsmouth his regiment joined Gen'l. [Peter] Muhlenberg with several regiments of militia & perhaps some regular troops or "18 months' men"- Baron Steuben was at this time training the men at this & some adjacent stations - He knew no other regular officers - He was stationed about Portsmouth till he was regularly dismissed & returned home after being out in the service on this Tour 3 months & 19 days - Being a Drafted militiaman he received no discharge. -

On his second Tour he was a drafted militiaman & entered the service about the 1st day of August [1781] at the same place as before under the command of Capt. Wm. Finley of the Augusta militia - This company was attached to Col. Sam'l. Lewis regiment, in which ___ Long [William Long] was major - In this Company & regiment he was marched to New Canton thence to West Point between Mataponi & Pamunky [sic: Mattaponi & Pamunkey rivers] - remaining here 8 or 10 days, marched back by new Canton, down to Cabin Point [in Surry County] - crossing James River about 20 miles perhaps above James Town & again crossing at JamesTown or near it marched on to Williamsburg - Encamped near Williamsburg 2 or 3 weeks, then proceeded to York Town joining there the main Army under Washington, Lafayette, [Anthony] Wayne &c. - He remained here till he was discharged, having been engaged in no battle or skirmish during his Tour. The battle of Yorktown [sic: apparently surrender at Yorktown on 19 Oct 1781] was fought a very short time after he was dismissed. He was out in the service on this Tour 2 months & 19 days. Being a drafted militiaman he received no written discharge.

He was born in Augusta County, Virginia about 12 or 14 miles east of Staunton on the 21st of January 1763 & has continued to reside at the same place ever since - The record of his age he has in a family bible at home - Alex'r Williams [Alexander Williams, pension application S6410] who was in the service with declarant on his 2nd Tour & Smith Thompson [S38438] who returned home with him from the 2nd in the absence of Documentary Testimony are referred to for evidence of his services as stated above; and Wm[?] Davis & Thomas Calbreath can testify as to this Declarant's character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

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 -

Smith Thompson being first duely sworn declares that he knew Wiliam Patrick while the said Patrick was in the service on his 2nd Tour mentioned in the foregoing declaration made by the said Patrick - that he returned home with said Patrick & believes that he served as he states. sworn to & subscribed this 24th of August 1832, in open Court. [signed] Smith Thompson

I Alex'r. Williams of Augusta County being first duely sworn say that I recollect to have seen Wm Patrick in the service near Yorktown in the Revolution & I have often heard my brother say that he was with said Patrick at or near Portsmouth previous to the time I saw him in the service & that I believe from these circumstances & from my knowledge of said Patrick as a man of truth that he served as he has stated in his declaration.
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court. Alexander hisXmark Williams