

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Basil Hatton S8665

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State of Maryland Prince Georges County: SS

On this fourth day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Prince Georges County now sitting, Basil Hatton a resident of said County in the State of Maryland aged Seventy-three, 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 enlisted in the flying Camp at the Village of Piscataway in Prince Georges County and State of Maryland in the month of June 1776 under Lieut. William Duval and served in the third Regiment under the following named Officers: General Reason Beall, Colonels John Anderson and Ewing, Capt. John Lowe, Lieutenants John Burgess and William Duval and Ensign Horatio Clagett, that he lived in the County and State aforesaid at the time of his enlistment, that he marched from Piscataway to Baltimore thence to Philadelphia by the way of Elk Town, thence to New York, that he was in a skirmish on North River, thence to the White Plains and that he was in the battle at that place, thence into Jersey, thence to Philadelphia where he received his discharge a day or two before Christmas. He further states that in the month of March 1777 he enlisted in the Army of the United States for three years as a Sergeant at a place then called Newgate, now Centerville in Fairfax County State of Virginia, under Capt. John Garrett and that he served in the third Georgia Regiment of the Georgia line under the following named officers: Generals McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], Robert Howe, \_\_ Elbert [Samuel Elbert], and \_\_ Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Colonels James Screven and \_\_ Ray, Major Roberts, Capt. John Garrett and after his death under Capt. William Scott Lieutenants John Johns and Josiah Hatton and Ensign John Frazer, and that after the Georgia line was broken, he was in a company of Infantry that followed Polaski's [Casimir Pulaski] troop of horse and was commanded by Col. Malmida [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne]. That from Newgate he marched through Virginia by the way of Fredericksburg, Prince Edward Court house into North Carolina, through the same by the way of Hillsborough in the South Carolina, through the same by the way of Camden, Purrysburg on Savannah River, thence into Georgia to Savannah Town, thence to Midway Meeting house, thence into Florida and was at the taking possession of a Fort in Florida he thinks called St. Anthony or St. Toni<sup>1</sup>, thence recrossed the River St. Mary's and with others was detached to Cochran's where there was a small stockade Fort; thence to

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be a reference to Fort Tonyn. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/forttonyn.htm>

Midway Meeting House, where he joined the Main Army, near which, at a place he thinks called the Bull Swamp he was in an engagement where his Col. James Screven fell,<sup>2</sup> thence to Sunbury [Sunbury], thence he was detached with others and sent on board a Row galley called the *Lee*, that he remained on board until they discovered the enemy's Fleet when she was run into a Creek called Cockspur, thence he went with an express to General Robert Howe who lay at Savannah; that he returned the same night to the row galley in which he continued until he reached Purrysburg, thence to Augusta, thence to Briar Creek and was in the battle [March 3, 1779] at that place, thence to Purrysburg, thence to Stono and that he was in the engagement [June 20, 1779] at that place, thence into Georgia and that he was discharged in the month of March 1780 at Col. Ray's near Augusta. He further states that at the time of his second enlistment, he has formerly lived in Prince Georges County and State of Maryland, and that he hath no documentary evidence unless the three letters and a partial list of the men's names composing the company in which he enlisted received from Thomas Weeden who also belonged to said Company and herewith exhibited may be taken in that light and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure (except the general report and belief where he is known) who can testify to his service. He further declares that he served in the flying Camp six months to the North and three years in his Southern tour.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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/ Basil Hatton, X his mark

Witness:

S/ C. Daisey

[Richard L. Jenkins and George H. Lanham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories propounded by the Court to Basil Hatton with the several answers thereto

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born near the Village of Piscataway in Prince Georges County State of Maryland on the 8th day of August 1860.

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

Ans: I have none

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in Prince Georges County State of Maryland at the time of my enlistment and have continued to do so ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I volunteered

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ans: Generals Reason Beall, Robert Howe, McIntosh, Elbert and Lincoln, for my answers to the balance of this interrogatory I refer to my foregoing declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what

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<sup>2</sup> General James Screven died November 14, 1778 from wounds suffered in an engagement with British forces led by Augustine Prevost on Spencer Hill near Midway Meeting House on November 22, 1778.

has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge from the flying Camp, given by Capt. John Lowe, and a discharge from my southern enlistment given by General Henly, and both discharges have been lost  
7<sup>th</sup> 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.

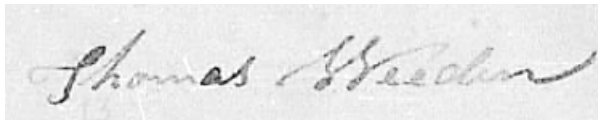
Ans: Dr. Benedict J. Simmes, George Simmes, Thomas C. Lyles, Raphael C. Edelin, Ebsworth Bayne, Thomas Berry, George Kirby, Richard Coe, Dr. William Marshall, Richard L. Jenkins, Geo. H. Lanham.

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January 31, 1826 Belmont County of Ohio

Dear Sir the want of money has prevented me from coming to see you if I should ever get money to bear my expenses I shall come to see you Mr. Jennings is agent for me at the board of war he is a member of Congress you know me to have a lawful Discharge from the Regiment in Savannah please to send him with your deposition and oblige me I have also petitioned for a pension from the State of Maryland Mr. Jennings is trying to obtain that if you will please to assist him in it and so I conclude and remain yours with humble submission and the respect till death.

S/ Thomas Weeden<sup>3</sup>



Bazel Hatton

David Raney is dead

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Stillwater Kirkwood

Township Belmont County and State of Ohio 17th of August 1823

Mr. Basil Hatton

Esteemed friend John W. Low informed me that you was well last spring. Sir I request your assistance your knowing of me to serve as a Sergeant in the third Georgia Continental Battalion and knowing me to receive a lawful discharge of Col. James Screven in Savannah Town now know you that old age inabilities and misfortune has induced me to petition to the board of war for a pension. Mr. Hatton my schedule was made out last September at St. Clairsville County Court and David Givings States attorney is my Counselor and he informs me that we are not found on record at the war office and Mr. Givings informs me that substantial proof must be had. I returned to Capt. Jarrett as my Capt. and he was killed and I do expect the men was recorded to William Scott now Sir you could help your Brother Soldier Thomas Weeden by giving your deposition to the bearer Benjamin [paper torn, name missing]

S/ Thomas Weeden, X his mark

David Raney

Josidh Hatton [Josiah Hatton?]

John Rollens [John Rollens?]

George Thomas

James Cannonwine

Jeremiah McCarter

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<sup>3</sup> I could not find anyone of this or any similar name who claimed service in Georgia.

Jonathan Whitmore  
Abraham Watson  
John Cullumber  
William Rowes  
Edward Tuthaker  
Alex Webb  
John Fielding  
Henry Lawler  
Dudler O dannel  
Thomas Jinkins [Thomas Jenkins?]  
John Carney  
John Masterson  
Wm Masterson  
Henry Pig  
John Phillips  
Alex Furguson [Alex Ferguson?]  
Jeremiah Swilven  
Daniel Swileven  
Partrick Swileven [Patrick something?]  
Thomas Dshaers  
Henry Dshaers  
John Boyd  
William Orsborn  
Samson Corgel  
Wm Crisson  
John D Vorn  
George Jones

Daniel Murry

David Peaney	George Thomas
Josiah Hatton	James Cannon
Basil Hatton	John Richard
John Hollens	Jeremiah Carter
Jonathan Whitmore	Daniel Murry
Abraham Wilson	I say in my seigule
John Culumber	I was Discharged in
William Howes	in Savannah town
Edward Withaker	Mr Beall in forms
Alex Wilde	that you are in aweth
John Fielding	thy life which I am
Henry Dusterberg	glad to her
Henry Lawler	Thomas Weeden
Daniel O Daniel	
Thomas Jenkins	
John Carney	
John Masters	
Wm Masters	
Henry R	
John Phillips	
Alex Ferguson	
Jeremiah Swilven	
Daniel Swilven	
Patrick Swilven	
Thomas D Shaers	
Henry D Shaers	
John Boyce	
William Griborn	
Samson Gorgel	
William Gorgel	
Wm Gisson	
John D. Poon	
George Jones	

I say in my seigule [?] I was Discharged in Savannah Town  
 Mr. Beall informs that you are in aweth thy life which I am  
 Glad to her [hear]

S/ Thomas Weeden

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Application for Transfer

Maryland Prince Georges County to wit

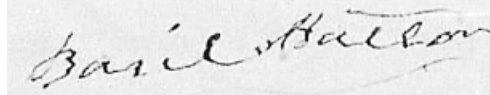
On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1836 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County personally appeared Basil Hatton who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain John Jarrott in Regiment No. 3 Commanded by Colonel James Owen in the service of the United States his name was

placed on the pension roll of the State of Georgia from whence he removed at the end of the Revolutionary war, that now resides in the State of Maryland near Piscataway where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be payable there in future, the following are his reasons for belonging to the Georgia line, Captain John Jarrott opened a Rendezvous in Fairfax County Virginia at a village called New Gate perhaps now Centerville for the purpose of enlisting men for the Georgia line he left Maryland and went to the rendezvous and enlisted under Captain John Jarrott in March 1777, and was a Sergeant in the Georgia line, and at the end of the war, he returned to Maryland where he has remained ever since near the place where he was born.

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Geo T. Brown

S/ Basil Hatton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Basil Hatton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 2 years in the Maryland Continental line.]