

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Patterson S8926

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State of North Carolina Stokes County} SS

On this 10th day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the peace of the County Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting and held for the County of Stokes aforesaid James Patterson a resident of said County aged Seventy-Seven years, who being sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein after stated (to wit) first that he entered the service of the United States in the County of Rowan North Carolina as a volunteer Militia private in the month of May in the year 1779 or 1780 under the command of Captain George Nichols and a George Reed Lieutenant and Ensign John Reed, in Colonel Locke's [Francis Locke's] Regiment of Rowan County aforesaid; and rendezvoused at a place called Candle Creek bridge, in said County; and from thence marched with the company commanded by the said Captain under the command of Major Sharpe to Charlotte in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina; and after remaining there for some time was marched back to Salisbury a distance of about 40 miles, and by orders of Brigadier General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was stationed at Salisbury for a considerable length of time it being headquarters, awaiting for reinforcements; and from thence his Captain & Company with others were detached and marched into what was called & known by the name of Bryant's Tory Settlements in that branch of the Yadkin River, to rout the Tories who infested that part of the Country & prevent them from embodying and after remaining in those Settlements some time, this applicant's term of service of three months expired for which he entered as a volunteer aforesaid, and he having served as second Sergeant the whole Tour received a written discharge from his Captain aforesaid, & then returned home to his place of Residence in Henry County Virginia, from where he was employed by a Thomas Cooper by a permit from Colonel Abm Penn [Abraham Penn] to convey powder from said Coopers powder factory to General Rutherford's Army in Rowan County where he entered the Service aforesaid –

The next Service, he was appointed Captain by Colonel Dix or Dicks & Council of Safety in Halifax County Virginia at a place called Dix's ferry on Roanoke River, this was in the month of February 1781, and there took the Command of about Sixty warriors of the Calaba [Catawba?] tribe of Indians, who had fled from the British Army to join the United States troops and pursuant to the orders from the Colonel Dix's he remained with his Company of the Indian Warriors aforesaid; as a guard to prevent the enemy from passing over the River; and on

receiving intelligence that the British had turned their course towards Guilford County North Carolina this applicant was dismissed from serving as brevet Captain by Colonel Dix after serving fifteen days precisely, and returned home to Henry County Virginia.

The next Service he entered as a Substitute in Henry County aforesaid in the month of July 1781 for a certain John Jones under the command of a Captain Thomas Haile, David Barton as Lieutenant and Thomas Hill Ensign in Colonel Tucker's Regiment and General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] brigade of Virginia Militia and marched from said County of Henry to Prince Edward Court house Virginia at which place the Company received their arms for war, and from thence marched to a place called Mallbring hills [sic, Malvern Hills] on James River about 10 miles below Richmond; at which place we joined headquarters under the Command of General Lawson; then marched up to Richmond, when & where Holt Richardson Colonel Commandant took the command of the Regiment; from thence marched to New Castle in Hanover County Virginia, then to a Merryweather Skeltons and to New Kent and crossed Permunkey [sic, Pamunkey] River at Ruffin's Ferry then to Richardson's old fields, at which place I was taken sick and carried across Chickahominy River to a place called Rockahock to Williamsburg, and James City County Virginia to the Hospital and remained in said Hospital about 24 days, and then joined the Army again, in a short time afterwards his term of service for which he entered as a Substitute aforesaid expired and he received from his officer Ensign Walker a written discharge. In this Service he served the whole three months as second Sergeant, except whilst in the hospital -- he then immediately entered the Service as a private volunteer in October 1781 in Captain Hill's company from Essex County Virginia near Hobbs hole, and after remaining in service twenty days, owing to his being weak & debilitated from sickness was dismissed at a place called Ground Squirrel bridge on a branch of Permunkey River & made the best way in his power for home, all of which services amounts as follows to wit to:

days

m	15 as Captain Brevet
6	00 months as 2nd Sergeant in 2 tours
	20 days as a private

for which he claims a Pension, But states that he has no witness in Stokes County or elsewhere to his knowledge who can testify, as to his Services aforesaid as he now resides a considerable distance from the places where he resided at the times when he entered & performed the Service aforesaid, nor he has no documentary evidence, as his discharges has been lost or destroyed; -- these several questions<sup>1</sup> agreeable to the Rules prescribed by the War department being put to him he answered as follows

(to wit) first That he was born in York County & State of Pennsylvania in the year of our Lord

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

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

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

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?

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

5<sup>th</sup> 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 service.

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

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.

1755 on the 20th day of August

2nd -- he has no record only a Traditionary one that was kept in a family Bible which was left to his mother & his Brother both dead.

3rd -- that he was living in Henry County in the capacity of an apprentice learning the carpenter's trade with Thomas Cooper then went to Orange County North Carolina where his parents lived, he married & lived in said County many years -- & then removed to Stokes County in which County he now lives --

4th he first entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Rowan North Carolina at a time when he conveyed powder from Henry County Virginia to General Rutherford's Army, the next as brevet Captain when he was passing from his fathers in Orange County to Henry County at Dix's ferry the 3rd service in Henry County Virginia as a substitute for a John Jones and last in Virginia near Hobbs hole.

5th -- he has already named the militia field & company officers. He states that while in the 3 months he served he saw & knew General M. D Lafayette with & his aid Muhlenberg in Virginia who commanded the Army &c.

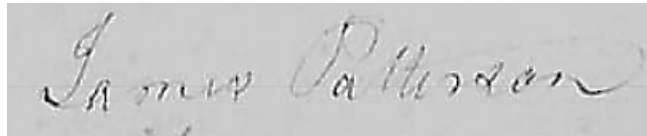
6 -- he received written discharges for the two three months tours which is lost --

7th That he is acquainted with General Joseph Winston, Colonel William Poindexter & Charles Banner Esquire who can testify as to his character for veracity & belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, & that there is no clergyman that he can procure a certificate of without considerable expense & trouble at present --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above mentioned in open Court.

S/ John Hill, CCC

S/ James Patterson

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Patterson".

[Joseph W. Winston, William Poindexter and Charles Banner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.72 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 20 days and as a Sergeant for 6 ½ months in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]