

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Patterson S8933

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 27th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting, Thomas Patterson a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 71 years in February last, 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 in February or March 1781 the declarant was drafted in the County of Middlesex in the State of Virginia as a private in the militia of Virginia for the term of one month & was attached to a company which was embodied at one James Kid's [James Kidd's ?] in said County under the command of Capt. Lawrence Mitchum & Lieut. William George. – From thence declarant was marched to Gloucester Town & there remained until the expiration of the term for which he had been drafted ^{Col. Innis was Field Officer.} & was then discharged. The next day after this declarant returned home from Gloucester Town which she thinks was on the first or 2nd day of April 1781 he was again called into the Public Service in the said County of Middlesex as a private in the militia of Virginia, as were the whole of the militia in said County, between the ages of sixteen years and sixty, whether he could be said to be drafted or by what name his services were on that occasion demanded the declarant cannot say. The call was general – it being at the time when Lord Cornwallis was advancing at the head of the British forces from North Carolina into Virginia, after the battle of Guilford. The call was authoritative & commanded obedience, and doubtless was regular & made by competent authority; – And the term of service, that he was required to perform, was not limited as the declarant was then informed or has since learned, in any other way, than as the interest of the Country at that critical junction might dictate. On this occasion the declarant was attached to a company which was embodied at the said James Kidd's, commanded by the same officers, viz. Capt. Lawrence Mitchum and Lieut. William George: from Kidd's declarant was marched to Paradise [?] Old Fields in the County of Gloucester, Virginia, where a Regiment commanded by Col. John Taylor was mustered – and to which declarant's company belonged – and which it there joined. In addition to Col. John Taylor, Major Campbell was in command as a Field Officer – he thinks John Campbell. – From Paradise Old Fields the declarant with his Regiment was marched to Wood's Old Fields, where he remained some weeks, and thence was marched to Head Quarters at Petsworth Church in Gloucester aforesaid, General Weedon [George Weedon] here took command of the militia – and Col. Ennis here became a Field Officer. From Petsworth Church declarant was marched to Sowell's Old Fields within two miles of York Town Virginia, where

declarant was stationed until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis – and was discharged on the 19th of October 1781 after having been under arms in the tour last aforesaid six months and eighteen days. The declarant did not secure written discharges from the service. The declarant was not acquainted with any other officers than those above mentioned. The declarant was born in York County Virginia on the 17th of February 1762 – & was removed when an infant to Middlesex County Virginia as he has been informed; where he resided during the revolutionary war. Some forty years ago, the declarant removed from said County & state to Chatham County in North Carolina – and thence removed into Orange County North Carolina in January 1833, where he now resides. – He hath no record of his age. He cannot obtain any clergyman's certificate who is acquainted with the declarant's services. 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 & subscribed the day & year above stated.

S/ J. Taylor, CC

S/ Thomas Patterson, X his mark

[Matthew Durham and William McCauley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died January, 1839; the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia service.]