

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Patton S8934

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October 1832

On this 19 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court Samuel Patton resident in the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, aged 72 or 73 years, 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: He entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Rowan North Carolina in the year __¹ about the 15th day of November, in the Company commanded by Captain Lopp [John Lopp] in which Company John McGahay [John McGahey] was Lieutenant; under the Command of General Griffith Rutherford; that he marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina; he marched from thence under Captain William Shepperd, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] to Augusta in Georgia, where he remained near three months and from thence marched to Brier Creek in the State of Georgia under General Ashe [John Ashe], where they were defeated by the British,² and retreated across the River into South Carolina where they were again commanded by General Rutherford, where he remained until the 15th of April when he was discharged having served five months. That he entered the service again sometime in the spring the year not recollected in a Company of Horse commanded by Captain Robert Patton Commanded by General Charles McDowell in the County of Burke North Carolina, he marched from there to South Carolina near Moncks Corner where they were defeated by the British,³ from there he marched to Cross Creek in North Carolina, from there he marched to Rowan in North Carolina where they were again under the command of General Rutherford under whom they marched against the Tories at Ramsour's mill⁴ in Lincoln County North Carolina where they arrived about an hour after the Battle, when they were discharged having served three months. That he entered the service again as a volunteer in the County of Burke some time in the latter part of the fall or early in the winter as an Ensign in

¹ From the events described by the veteran, this was probably 1778.

² The Battle of Brier Creek occurred on March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm> & <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

³ The veteran MAY be referring to the engagement at Biggin Bridge on April 14, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/bigginbr.htm>

⁴ June 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramours.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

the Company commanded by Captain Daniel Smith in which capacity he served three months at and near what were then called the upper forts in Burke County on the Catawba River against the Cherokee Indians when he was discharged: That he entered the service again as a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Little [also spelled, Thomas Lytle] in the County of Burke North Carolina, that marched from there under the command of General Charles McDowell into the Cherokee Nation against the Indians and returned to Burke County in about two weeks, having served about one month he was again discharged. That he served as Ensign in the County of Burke in the character of scouts [sic, scouts?] or Indian Spies for about the space of six months. That he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services, nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his services except Thomas Little⁵ the Captain under whom he marched against the Indians and William Brittain⁶ who served with him the three months he served under Captain Daniel Smith in Burke County North Carolina.

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 in open court the date aforesaid.

Test: S/ John Miller, Clk

S/ Samuel Patton, P his mark

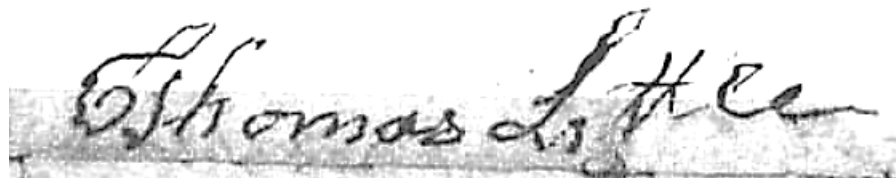
By N. W. Woodfin, D. C.

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State of North Carolina Burke County } This Day came Thomas Lytle & made oath in due form of law before me Jesse Burgin one of the Justices of the peace for said County who deposeseth & saith that he were Captain of a company under General Charles McDowell who marched from said County against the Cherokee Indians [spelled "Chericea Indans"] & Samuel Patton were with us an officer either a Lieutenant or Ensign.

Sworn to & subscribed the 13th of October 1832

S/ Thomas Little

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Little". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent initial 'T'.

Test:

S/ Jesse Burgin, JP

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: This day came William Brittain before me Isaac T. Poor one of the Justices of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that Samuel Patton and himself did serve a Tower [tour] of three months together near the head of the Catawba River in Burke County under Daniel Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this the 17th day of October 1832

S/ I. T. Poor, JP

S/ William Brittain

⁵ [Thomas Lytle S8873](#)

⁶ [William Brittain S8100](#)

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[Nathan Harrison, a clergyman, and Samuel W. Davidson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Burke County

This day came Thomas Little before me Thomas Curtis one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County and made oath in due form of law, that he was Captain and commanded a Company in the time of the Revolutionary War, that he marched under the command of General Charles McDowell against the Cherokee Indians in the year __ and that Samuel Patton, then of Burke, now Buncombe County was an officer under him in said tour either Lieutenant or Ensign he does not remember which; that from the time they were called into service until they were discharged was about one month. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 18th day of June 1833

Attest: S/ Thomas Curtis, JP

S/ Thomas L[very faint]



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State of North Carolina Buncombe County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Sessions
A.D. 1833

On this __ day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court, Samuel Patton resident in the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, age 73 years, 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 United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service as a volunteer private in the County of Rowan North Carolina, in the year __ about the 15th day of November in the company commanded by Captain Lopp. In which Company John McGahay was Lieutenant, under the command of General Griffith Rutherford; That he marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina; he marched from thence under Captain William Sheppard in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Little to Augusta in Georgia where he remained near three months, and then marched to Briar Creek in the State of Georgia under General Ash where they were defeated by the British and retreated across the river into South Carolina where they were again under the command of General Rutherford where he remained until the fifteenth of April when he was discharged, having served five months. That he entered the service again as a private sometime in the spring, the year not recollected, in a company of horse commanded by Captain Robert Patton under the command of General Charles McDowel in the County of Burke North Carolina. He marched from there to South Carolina near Moncks Corner, where they were defeated by the British, from there he marched to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) North Carolina, from there to Rowan North Carolina, where he was

again under the command of General Rutherford under whom he marched against the Tories at Ramseur's Mill in Lincoln County North Carolina, and arrived there about an hour after the Battle, where he was discharged, having served three months. That he entered the service again as a volunteer, in the County of Burke, sometime in the latter part of the fall or early in the Winter, as an Ensign in the Company commanded by Captain Daniel Smith, in which capacity he served three months, at and near what were then called the upper forts in Burke County on the Catawba River against the Cherokee Indians, where he was discharged; that he entered the service as a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Little in the County of Burke North Carolina; that he marched under the command of General Charles McDowell into the Cherokee Nation against the Indians and returned to Burke County and was discharged after being in the service about one month. That he afterwards served as Ensign in the County of Burke in the character of Scouters or Indian Spies for the Space of six months. He has no Documentary evidence whatever of his services, nor does he know any person, now living, by whom he can prove them, except Thomas Little the Captain under whom he served one month against the Indians and William Brittain who served with him three months under Captain D. Smith in Burke County North Carolina.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension list of the agency of any State.

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Rowan North Carolina on Coldwater Creek. I do not know in what year.

Have you any record of your age? I have not but from the information derived from the balance of the family I am about 72 or 73 years of age.

Where were you living when called into the service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

I was living in Rowan County North Carolina when 1st called into the service, after that I lived in the County of Burke North Carolina where I continued to reside until thirteen or fourteen years ago when I removed to Buncombe County North Carolina where I have resided ever since and still reside.

How were you called into service? Were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

I was a Volunteer each time.

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.

I was never with the regulars except a few days at Briar Creek in Georgia; we were in different encampments and I do not recollect the names of any of the Officers. The general circumstances of my service are set forth in the foregoing declaration. When I volunteered in the horse Company I furnished my own horse, saddle and bridle which were valued at \$100 in the Battle at Moncks Corner South Carolina I lost my horse saddle and bridle and never recovered them or got any pay for them.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

I never did receive any written discharge.

Did you ever receive a commission?

I never received any Commission. I was serving in [indecipherable word]⁷ of Ensign in the Company where I lived at the time we were called on I volunteered and served in the same Capacity, I do not believe any officer under the grade of a field officer in Company had any Commission. The last tour in which I served as Lieutenant I was still Ensign at home, but was appointed Lieutenant and served in that capacity in the Army.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

State of North Carolina Buncombe County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Sessions
1833

William Brittain swears that he served 3 months in the Revolutionary War under Captain Daniel Smith at the upper Fort on the Catawba River and Burke County North Carolina and that Samuel Patton served during said time, in said Company.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 1 July 1833

S/ Wm Brittain

7th Answer William Kinsey, a clergyman and William D Smith, James M Smith or Samuel W Davidson

S/ Samuel Patton, P his mark

[William Kinzey, a clergyman, and James M Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Montgomery County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Session
A.D. 1836

On this 4th day of July 1836 personally appeared in open court before Nehemiah Blackstocks, Lewis Palmer and Elisha King Justices holding said Court Samuel Patton resident of said County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina aged 75 years, 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 he entered the service in the County of Rowan North Carolina as a volunteer in the Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Lopp in the fall of the year 1778 or 1789 [sic], for the term of five months, that he marched from Salisbury, the County town in Rowan to Orangeburg or Purrysburg, he does not now remember which, in South Carolina where he joined the troops under the command of General Rutherford, where he remained only 2 or 3 days until he volunteered to go on a scout as he was informed for 3 days in a Company, all of whom had volunteered for that service, and were placed under the command of Captain William Shepperd accompanied by Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and Major Harris. They then marched to Augusta in Georgia where they lay he thinks nearly three months when the Army commanded by General Ashe arrived there, the Company to which affiant belonged then joined said Army and marched to a place called Brier Creek in Georgia where the Army under Ashe was defeated. They then retreated back to South Carolina and joined the Army under General Rutherford just on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River they then marched a short distance down the River where they remained until the expiration of the term for which he had volunteered when he

was discharged and returned home where he arrived on the 15th day of April having served the full term of five months. He entered the service again as a volunteer sometime in the spring of 1780 as a volunteer in the County of Burke in a Company of light horse commanded by Captain Robert Patton⁸ he marched from Morganton under the command of General Charles McDowell as far as Mecklenburg County [spelled Mc Lenburgh] North Carolina when General McDowell returned and he marched on under the command of Captain Patton to a place called Moncks Corner in South Carolina from there they marched down to the seashore about 6 miles from Charleston, he laid there a few days and returned to a place called the White Church about 3 miles from Moncks Corner where they lay a short time and were attacked by the British and defeated, the company was scattered and each man made his way up the Country as well as they could until the Company was organized again on the North side of Santee River not far from Nelsons ferry on the Monday which succeeded the battle that had taken place on Friday in this engagement affiant lost his horse saddle and bridle which he had furnished himself and for which he never received any pay. They then marched to Camden in South Carolina under the command of General Bluford [sic, Abraham Buford], they left Buford's Army at Camden and marched to a place called Cross Creek in North Carolina. From there they marched to Rowan County North Carolina where they joined the Army under the command of General Rutherford. They then marched under command of General Rutherford into Lincoln County NC where he was discharged the day after the Battle at Ramsour's mill having served out the term of 3 months. That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to prove any part of said service. 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 (except the State of North Carolina, which has been suspended as he is informed by directions from the war department upwards of 12 months.

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer Born in the County of Rowan North Carolina in the year 1761 or 1762

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer I have none.

Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer when I first entered the service I lived in the County of Rowan North Carolina previous to my entering the service the 2nd time I had come to Burke County North Carolina. I lived in Burke after the war until about 18 or 20 years ago when I removed to Buncombe County North Carolina where I have lived ever since and now live.

How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute.

Answer I volunteered both times mentioned in this declaration.

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.

Answer I was never in the service with any regular officers that I remember except a few days with General Bluford at Camden South Carolina. I knew Generals Ashe, Rutherford and McDowell was in the Battles at Briar Creek and Moncks Corner. The other general circumstances of my service are set forth in the foregoing Declaration.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so what has become of it, and by whom was it given

⁸ [Robert Patton W4758](#)

Answer I never received but one written discharge which was signed by General Rutherford as well as now recollected it has been lost for many years and I cannot now tell how.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief as to your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. The Reverend Christopher Bradshaw, Thomas Forster, Samuel W. Davidson, James M. Smith, William Coleman, William McDaniel, Bedut Baird, William Brittain and others.

Sworn to in open court 4th of July 1836.

S/ Samuel Patton, P his mark

S/ John Miller, Clerk

S/ JB Whitesides, DC

[Christopher Bradshaw, a clergyman, and William Brittain and John Penland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County }

On this 3rd day of October 1844 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County of Buncombe Samuel Patton, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, and United States Pensioner who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and is now in the receipt of a small Pension. That he now makes this declaration supplementary to one made and Filed in the Pension Office in 1833 in which he claimed Eight Months Service as a private and thirteen months service as Ensign and Lieutenant which service he actually rendered, and now claims the benefit of it as is set forth in his first declaration.

And he further declares that his reason for filing his second declaration on the suspension of his Pension was that he was informed that no service whatever rendered in the Revolution was entitled to the benefit of the pension Law Except that against the British; that services rendered against the Indians & Tories was unavailable, and believing as he did that he was not entitled to the benefit of all his services he Filed the second declaration as aforesaid claiming only the service he rendered against the British for which he now receives a small pension as above stated – that he did serve thirteen months as Ensign & Lieutenant against the Common Enemy for which service he now claims an increase of Pension.

And this declarant also declares in relation to his monthly pay, that all that he ever did receive for his services in the Revolution (Except his Pension) was fair promises that he should be paid, and that his Captain was authorized to receive his wages for him which he (declarant) thinks his Captain did, but neglected to pay it over to him, that he well knows that during the whole time that he was engaged in the Revolution he drew his Rations and that they all subsisted at the Expense of the Government.

And he further states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services in the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year 1st above written before the Court.

S/ Samuel Patton, P his mark

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County } SS

On this 5th day of November, 1845, personally appeared before me, J. Dunlap, one of the acting Magistrates in & for said County, Samuel Patton a resident of the County & State aforesaid a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, and made Oath, in due form of law, to the following statement relative to his services against the Indians during the War of the Revolution, for which he now claims an increase of pension --

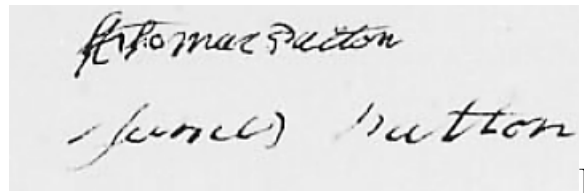
That his first tour of duty against the Indians was in the fall after the surrender of Charleston; he served a tour of three months at Davidson's Fort under Captain Daniel Smith -- His next tour of duty was in the summer following, he served a tour as Lieutenant under Captain Thomas Lytle; that they gathered together at the aforesaid Fort, and from thence they went on through the Counties now called Buncombe & Haywood to Tuckaseegee River and into the Indian Settlements, and from thence back to the aforesaid Fort and was discharged. His third & last service commenced in the fall following in the year 1781, he was Ensign of a Company and was placed on the frontiers to guard the inhabitants against the Indians in which service he remained from the fall of '81 until the fall of '82, during which time he had different Companies of men placed under his command and was engaged a larger portion of his time in actual service, in scouting up and down the lines of the frontiers in pursuit of Indians who were frequently committing depredations against the whites.

And this Affiant further states that during the above servitude he was under the command of the following officers Captains Smith, Lytle, & Cathey -- Generals Rutherford & McDowell. Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ J. Dunlap, JP

S/ Samuel Patton, P his mark

[p 12: On October 10, 1856 in Buncombe County North Carolina Thomas and James Patton filed a claim for the balance due their father at the time of his death on October 18, 1851. They state that their father left no widow surviving him and that the following all the surviving children: William, John, Thomas, James, Margaret wife of Hugh Lawhorn, Naoma wife of Peter Stradley, Elizabeth [Betsy] wife of James Stradley, Nancy wife of Calvin Fore and Sary [sic, Sarah] Patton.



Thomas Patton
James Patton

[Joshua Roberts and Mont Patton gave a supporting affidavit dated October 10, 1856 in Buncombe County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia. P 68: Effective January 10, 1837, his pension was reduced to \$33.33 per annum based on 8 months service as a Dragoon in the North Carolina militia. P 67: Effective May 29, 1848, his pension was increased to \$121.66 per annum based on 5 months service as a private and 10 months and 15 days service as an Ensign, in the North Carolina militia.]