

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward F. Patrick (Fitzpatrick) W1988

Polly F. Patrick

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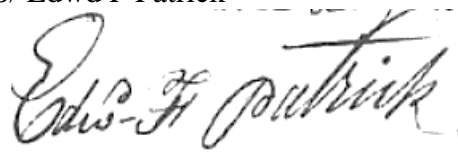
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State of Illinois McLean County

On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the County Court now sitting Edward F. Patrick a resident of said County aged 73 years last February 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 the 7th 1832. I did in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- (first) I was drafted out for a 3 months tower [tour] and was mustered in to service in Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina under Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] and Captain Abel Armstrong (from rendezvous) we were marched -- down -- towards -- the South side of the State of North Carolina to guard and fetch on a parole of Tory prisoners that had been taken in South Carolina -- we brought those Tories Colonel Richardson and one Armstrong and a man named Fisher & several more was Tryed [sic, tried] by a court-martial & Richardson, Fisher & Armstrong was condemned to be hanged and was accordingly executed on Galloshill [Gallows Hill] -- one half mile above Salisbury & I was one of the guard -- Richardson made a confession neither of the others did -- & when Richardson had done he took a bullet out of his pocket and handed it to the Captain that had took [taken] him -- it had been shot through his cheek and lodged [lodged] against his teeth -- and he said he forgave the Captain & I stayed there about in service until my time was out -- for the before named tour of duty making 3 months & received my discharge for the same (this tour of duty was in the winter of 1780 and in the fall of 1781 I was again drafted -- for 3 months tour and was mustered into service in Salisbury and was under the command of Major William Lewis, George Gorden [George Gordon] was my Captain (in this Tour) the first -- I shall give in detail is as respects one Colonel Samuel Briant [Samuel Bryant]-- who the year before had raised something like 1200 Tories and had conducted them safe to the British -- But at this time (when I was called into service) he was a prisoner and was in Salisbury Goal [jail] -- with a number of his men & and a number of other Tories (we had a number of northern troops who took up winter quarters in Salisbury) with us and amongst them there were 2 distinguished French officers (viz.) Mountflorenc and Major Langam -- our Captain Gordon & Langam here fell out and fought a duel -- & Gordon received a slight wound on his wrist -- &c but the before named Colonel Bryant a Tory Colonel & several others of the Tory party tried by a court-martial were sentenced to be hanged -- but the British declared that if Bryant was executed that they would hang 20 of our officers whom they had prisoners) and in consequence of this threat the Execution of Bryant was deferred -- & afterwards changed to banishment about this

time Major Langam began to enlist many of those Tories (who it appeared had seen their folly) and placed them under the United States colors [colors] (in during the war) which greatly relieved us both in point of danger from them and from the necessity of keeping a continual guard -- there was amongst those prisoners a man by the name of Elrod who prevailed with Major Langam to bail him -- who on the first night ran away but was fetched back the next day he was bailed again and ran away again -- and was soon brought back again and it rained and Frost that night insomuch that the next morning the ground was covered with ice so that a man could scarcely walk about without falling -- when we saw Langam & 3 or 400 men coming from the Barracks and several of the men were loaded with hickies they halted within 100 yards of us—Langam placed 200 men in two direct lines consisting of 100 each leaving a space of 6 feet between and the men facing each other all with hickies in their hands and then calling for the before named Elrod -- who was soon brought and I was placed at one end of the lines thus drawn up right opposite to the space between the two lines with orders to turn Elrod who was placed in the space between the two lines -- he came through and I turned him twice -- those he agrees were nimbly used on Elrod as the orders were if any one favorite him that they should undergo a light discipline -- Elrod was in one general gore of blood -- and after having undergone this severe discipline he was remanded to prison -- after this circumstance one night when I was standing guard [when] the before named Colonel Bryant -- having by some means penetrated the jail so far as to get his hands on the ground outside having got out as far as his waste [waist] at which time I discovered him, cocked my gun and told him to return back or I would blow him through but he instantly obeyed or I would have shot him -- about this time two men McClouds by name were handcuffed together -- and one night when one Corven [?] & Whaley were standing on sentry and thought they had stood too long and Whaley told Corven if he would stand he would go to the guard fire, and wake the Sergeant of the guard -- and he done so and whilst he was gone -- McClouds having broke their handcuffs desired Corven to let them out -- for a special purpose and as liberty of this kind had been common and Corven done so and as soon as they got out the largest one of them (being a very stout man) seized [seized] Corven's gun and tosed [took] him gun and all from him and ran off Corven arose to his feet and heard the sound of McCloud and others running, drew away at a venture in the dark -- and in a few minutes the whole Army was in praid [?] -- and at that place -- and Whaley was put in prison for leaving his post and next morning he received 40 stripes save one (but -- after new sentinels were placed in Corvens & Whaley's place on the same night of the escape the sentinels discovered something and thought it had the appearance of a man from the sise [size?] and appearance of the bulk and this sentinel called out that he was believed Corven had killed one of the Tories that had made their escape and on examination it was found that the slug let loose from Corven's gun had entered McCloud's head near the hole of his right ear and came out above his left eye and this was an end to him who was the very one that had tosed Corven so -- sometime after this my time expired -- and my services as a private -- footmen in the United States amounted in all to 6 months -- in actual service. I hereby Relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State -- Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edwd F Patrick

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edwd F Patrick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Edwd F Patrick".

Interrogatories of Court & answers of the applicant

Where and in what year were you born

(A) I was born in the year 1760 on the 16th of February

(e) have you any Record of your age and if so where is it—

(A) My age was recorded in my Father's Bible from whence I have it –

(e) Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

(A) I lived in Rowan County North Carolina when called into service from thence to Tennessee from thence to the State of Illinois McLean County where I now live

How were you called into service were you drafted -- did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for

(A) I was drafted into Service as a Militia private

(c) State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served

(A) my first Colonel was Francis Locke and Captain Abel Armstrong and I also was acquainted with (and at times under) the before named Major Langam Mountflorenc I also was acquainted with General Rutherford -- and several others to tedious to mention.

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(l) Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it –

(A) I received from my Captains two discharge his for two 3-months tours but through the shifting scenes of my life by some means they are both lost—

(e) 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

(A) There is no person in my neighborhood who can positively state as to my services and -- I know of no person in any conveniency (sic) a living who can prove my services but as to my veracity and their belief of my services I will refer you to James K. Scott a clergyman & William R. cord who are acquainted with me and will testify concerning me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Edwd F. Patrick

[James K. Scott, a clergyman, and William McCord gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Illinois McLean County: Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for said County Edward F. Patrick who being duly sworn -- deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, first, for 3 months I served as a private, 2nd for 3 months more I served as a private in the United States service, and for such service I claim a pension. And the deponent further saith that as to defining precisely to a day in each tour when he was called into service and when disbanded he cannot be precise as he has no paper or memorandum from which positively to arrive and the deponent further saith not.

S/ Edwd F. Patrick

Subscribed and sworn to before made this 4th day of June A.D. 1833

S/ David Wheeler, JP

[p 19: Edward Fitzpatrick and John Forsyth in Iredell County North Carolina to secure the marriage of Edward Fitzpatrick to Polly McCord, the bond was dated February 10 1798.]

[p 9: October 20, 1849 in Woodford County Illinois, Polly F. Patrick, 78, a resident of Caswell County Illinois filed for a widows pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Edward F. Patrick; that she married Edward Fitz Patrick on the 13th day of February 1798 and that he died in McLean County Illinois November 24, 1834. She signed her name "Polly F Patrick."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Polly F. Patrick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Polly" is written in a large, flowing script, followed by "F." and "Patrick". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box with a dashed border.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]