

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Patrick W21925                      Rosanna Patrick                      SC  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 15 July 2015.

South Carolina }  
York District    }

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1852 personally appeared Robert L. Patrick before me John M. Ross Judge of the Court of Ordinary for York District, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows

That this declarant Robert L. Patrick in behalf of himself and the surviving children of Rosanna Patrick widow of Robert Patrick both deceased declares that the said Robert Patrick was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution as he has always understood and believed and as such he served the United States against the Common enemy and was in service from the commencement of hostilities in 1775 until the close of the war and was generally in service during that period but to give all the particulars of said service declarant cannot but always understood that said first service was in the Snow Campaign [8 - 30 Dec 1775]. Captain Peter Clinton's [pension application W9390] Company Col. Neil's [sic: Thomas Neel's] Regiment Gen. [Richard] Richardson, under whom he marched thro western part of South Carolina against the forces of Colonel [Patrick] Cunningham and was out in said Campaign some three months. his next service was in the Indian Campaign in 1776 & 1777 and again marched from his residence near the Catawba River thro north eastern corner of York District to the western frontier of North and South Carolina where he continued to serve as a volunteer for some nine months part of the time under Captains [Ezekiel] Polk and Clinton Colonel Neal. At the expiration of which period he was discharged and returned home after helping to build the Seneca fort [probably Fort Rutledge at present Clemson SC, Sep 1776]. After which the Cherokee Indians sued for peace. His next service was as a volunteer under Col Neal Capt Polk's Company and marched to the state of Georgia and was in service some three months at which time he returned home about the close of the year 1778 His next tour was in 1779 to Briar Creek [Briar Creek] in the State of Georgia under Major Francis Ross Col. Neal's Regiment where he was discharged after having served some three months and returned home and shortly afterwards married Rosanna Jennings declarants mother in York District South Carolina and was married by Col. William Hill. His next service was after the reduction of Charleston [12 May 1780]. Shortly after which he entered the service as a volunteer Capt. [John] Hawthorn's company Col. [William] Bratton's Regiment [Gen. Thomas] Sumter Brigad'r as a horseman, and was almost constantly in service from that period until the close of the war under the command of Colonels Bratton & [James] Hawthorn General Sumter & [William] Henderson, but cannot give the particulars of the commencement & termination of his said fathers services after the reduction of Charleston but has often heard his father as well as his mother say that he was at one period of time after his said marriage nine months that he never saw his family and was in the following battles viz. Battle of Briar Creek [Briar Creek GA, 3 Mar 1779] Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] Hanging Rock [6 Aug 1780], Sumters defeat near the mouth of Fishing Creek, S.C. [18 Aug 1780] Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780], Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]. Declarant further says that his father Robert Patrick was married to his mother Rosanna Jennings in the summer or fall of 1779 and as husband and wife they lived together until the death of the said Robert Patrick who died the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1812 leaving his his wife Rosanna a widow who departed this life the twenty sixth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty three leaving the following children her surviving issue of their said marriage viz Esther Biggs, Mary Patrick, Pagga Duff, Martha Cowly and Declarant only surviving children, their other children having died before the decease of the said Rosanna Patrick Declarant now offers as evidence of the marriage of his said father & mother their Family Register showing the births of their children which is in the handwriting of his father and has always been kept in the family and that he is satisfied that it is strictly correct and is hereunto appended

Declarant further says that he has no record evidence of the services of his father and does not know of any person now living by whom his services could be proved and was not aware until within the last two years that any thing could be drawn for his mother as he was ignorant of the pension laws and knew nothing of their requisitions Sworn to and subscribed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1852

[signed] Robert L Patrick

South Carolina } SS

York District } Before me personally appeared Joseph Clinton aged 75 years a highly credible citizen of said District and made oath in due form of law that was born and raised in the neighborhood of Robert Patrick late of York District Deceased whose heirs are now applicants for a pension in right of their mother the wife and widow of said Robert Patrick and always understood and believes that the above named Robert Patrick was a soldier in the army of the revolution and as such he served the United States against the common enemy from the commencement of hostilities until the close of the war at the commencement of the war in deponents father Peter Clintons [W9390] Company but to give the particulars of his service Deponent cannot but has always understood that Col's Neals and Maj Hawthorn commanded the militia of Robert Patricks Neighborhood and both lived in his immediate neighborhood, under Genera Sumter

Deponent has often heard of old Robert Patrick father of the present claimants at the Battle of Kings Mountain there was a tory firing from behind a rock at our forces and had been fired at several times without effect when old Robert Patrick said stop lads let me try him and when the torys head next appeared above the rock he fired and the tory fell and upon being examined had a ball through his head and that the said Robert had ever after the credit of killing him, and that his services were well known and duly appreciated by the community said Robert Patrick was a very correct Pious man and had the confidence of his neighbors

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of April 1852 [signed] Joseph Clinton

[At the same time Mary Clinton also made a statement. On 17 June 1853 J. K. Armstrong, 57, also related the account of Robert Patrick shooting the Tory at Kings Mountain.]

Comptroller Gen'l's Office/ Columbia So. Ca./ May 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

No 603 } Issued the 15 June 1785 to Mr. Robert Patrick for Forty Seven pounds five Shillings  
Book R } and ten pence half penny Sterling for sundries for militia use in 1780 1781 and 1782 pr.  
part of account audited.

Principal £47.5.10½ no 13./ Annual Interest 3.5.8

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Mr. Robert Patrick his acct. of sund's. for militia use in 1780, 1781, & 1782 Amt'g. to £49.3.6½

State of South Carolina Dr. to Robert Patrick

1780	From the first of June to the seventeenth of September One hundred and nine days service on horseback under Gen'l. Sumter @ 20/ pr. day	Dollars 67 1/8
1781	To 21 days service on horseback under Col. Hawthorn	15 1/2
	July the 4 <sup>th</sup> to the 8 <sup>th</sup> Day of August Thirty Eight days service on horseback under Gen'l. Sumter @ 20/ pr.	23 3/4
1782	May 26 <sup>th</sup> To thirty eight days service on foot at the Congarees und'r. Gen'l. Henderson @ 10/ pr.	11 3/4

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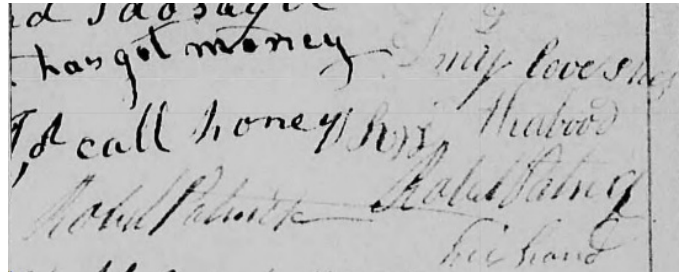
Robert Patrick for 57 days as a private under command Colo. Neel at Georgia in December 1778 Amt'g. to Sterling £4.1.5

State of South Carolina Dr. to Robert Patrick 1778 December to fifty seven days on foot under Col. Neal @ Georgia @ 10S pr. Day 17½ Dollars

NOTES:

The file includes a letter to Pension Commissioner Loren P. Waldo from D. Wallace dated 14 July 1853 that reads in part as follows: "... this case carries with it, to all acquainted with the circumstances & the character of the parties & witnesses, more than ordinary credibility. It originates in one of the most remarkable social & religious communities in the United States perhaps. The community referred to, is near the North Carolina line, in York District South Carolina. The Bethel Church alluded to in the testimony of J. A. Campbell Esq. [not transcribed here] is nearly in the centre of this community. It is a presbyterian congregation, & had its locality fixed at this place, more than three quarters of a century ago. And such is the strict observance of these people, to the discipline of that church, that all are governed in their conduct towards one another, more upon the principles of a Theocracy, than an ordinary political system. I was informed a few years ago, by an old gentleman of that neighborhood, that for half a century past, no sheriff, had visited that section officially, except to summon Juries to attend the Court of Common pleas for the District. Robert Patrick, & his wife Rosanna Patrick, the witnesses J. A. Campbell & J K Armstrong, were and are members of this remarkable community. They live near the Kings Mountain battle ground...."

The family record referred to in the declaration is transcribed below from the back of the title page of *The Whole Works of the Reverend Mr. John Flavel*, which was certified by Robert L. Patrick to have been used as a day book in which his father, a blacksmith, recorded his accounts. The file also includes four pages of accounts. The first page is for "James Creag february the 7 1775." The second page lists "Thomis Barnat March 13 1775 Slave &c," and the names John Creag, Robert Creag, and James Beard. It also bears the following lines: "my love shes strait shes tall and slendor fal/ she is a Beauty and I do say it/ its I love a Lady that has got money/ If she was my own I'd call honey," with the following signatures in different writing beneath them:

A photograph of a handwritten document in cursive script. The text is partially obscured but includes the phrase "I'd call honey" and several names, including "Robert Patrick" and "John Leard". The handwriting is in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

The third page of accounts includes the following: "I Robert Patrick and John Leard Artlelels of agreement/ I doo allow the West Side of the fields to John Leard I am to provid 8 hunred of Reals I am to heave my washing and Soing and my Vills [victuals?] providet I Robert I'm do provid 10 Bushels Wheat and 10 of Corn." The final page lists accounts of Sarimis Lafton, Samul Lafton, Robert Hendrson, Robert Harris, William Hill.

Isbala Patrick was Born September 26<sup>th</sup> 1780.

Elisabeth Patrick was Born Aprile 22<sup>th</sup> on monday in year 1782

Sarah Patrick was Born July 19 on Wansday 1786

Estherd Patrick was Born November 4<sup>th</sup> 1788

Robert Patrick Was Born on thursday 22 february 1791

Mary Patrick Was Born on Setrday 23<sup>th</sup> february 1793

Pagga Patrick Was Born Tusday 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1796

Martha Patrick Was Born frday 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1798

[One line illegible, followed by certification by the Comptroller General of SC on 18 May 1852 that the handwriting resembles that in the signature of Robert Patrick in an account book.]