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Pension Application of Theophilus Wyatt W2478 Sally Wyatt VA
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Augusta County } SS.

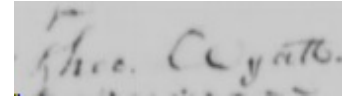
On this 25th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Augusta County Court, now setting – Theophilus Wyatt a resident of the County of Augusta and State of Virginia, aged about 72 years, who being first sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in the County of Caroline and State of Virginia as he fully believes, that his Father had a Register of his age, from which it appeared he was born on the 28th day of July 1760, that he had not the said Register in his possession, or under his control, and knows not what has become of it, – he resided for some years after his birth in the said County of Caroline, from thence he removed in his youth to the County of Hanover in the said State of Virginia, that whilst a resident of the said County of Hanover, he entered into the service of the united States and served as follows.

He volunteered his services at Albemarle Barracks in the State of Virginia, in the early part of the spring of 1780 or in or about the latter part of the month of february to the best of his knowledge and that he then became an assistant to Colo. Samuel Lewis of Augusta County & State of Virginia purchasing Commissary for the troops & prisoners of war [captured at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and housed at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781], then stationed at the Barracks aforesaid, & that he acted in the office of an assistant to said Lewis purchasing commissary. That from Albemarle Barracks he was ordered to the City of Richmond, and money being drawn for the purpose of making purchases from Richmond he and Colo Lewis proceeded to the state of North Carolina, to make purchases That after he got to Salisbury in the said state of North Carolina, he was taken sick, & left, – he remained there sick about two months, after his recovery he returned to the City of Richmond in the State of virginia, where he then acted in the Quarter master’s department, in which department he continued untill the close of the war. He served as a assistant to Capt. Charles Russell Quarter master, stayed at Richmond for some time – he had at one time to take charge of the public store at Westham – from thence he was soon called back to Richmond – he also acted under William Rose [VAS1966], Granville Smith [R17957] & James Kemp who were officers under Colo. Charles Porterfield then Quartermaster Gen’l. with whom he acted as assistant Quartermaster in the virginia State line under Colo. Charles Porterfield [BLWt1145-450] the Quartermaster Gen’l. of said State line, Rose, Smith & Kemp acted as his deputies at the same time. after the death of Colo. Porterfield who fell mortally wounded at Camden South Carolina [16 Aug 1780] his office was filled by Capt’n. Henry Young [R19332] (afterwards Gen. Young) under whom he was next to in office in the Quartermaster’s department. He was stationed at Richmond, Winchester, Westham, Goochland Courthouse, Charlottesville & Staunton. The public Stores having to be removed from point to point, in order to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy, the declarent bore a most active part in removing and taking to a place of security the public stores and records at the time the enemy came to Richmond and Charlottesville [late spring 1781]. This declarent was entitled to & drew for his services, when in service as assistant Quarter master the pay & emoluments of a Captain of the Virginia State line.

The declarent has no documentary testimony of his services nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove all his services, as above set forth; He here refers to affidavits of Colo. Churchill Gibbs [S46002] & Richard Wyatt Esq’r. going to prove in part his services, and hopes yet to be able to obtain others, which when procured will be exhibited to the Secretary of war — Shortly after the close of the war he went to Charleston South Carolina, and did business in the merchantile business. from South Carolina he removed to the State of Georgia with store goods, doing business there also, and

from thence back again to Virginia. Since his return to Virginia, he has resided in several Counties, some of which are as follows, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Albemarle, Nelson, Rockbridge, & Augusta, where he at present resides. For his character he refers to Gen'l. Robert Porterfield [S8965] & Philip Coiner the former his near neighbor, and can procure the certificates of other highly respectable Gentlemen if necessary in the County he has resided; — 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. The foregoing declaration written by the said Theophilus Wyatt himself, was by him sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.



The Court then proceeded to propound the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to the said Wyatt as follows:

1. Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia on the 28th day of July 1760 as I have allways understood and believed.

2. Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it?

Answer. There was a register of my age, but I know not what has become of it.

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

Answer. I was resident of the County of Hanover when I first entered the service. I have lived in the States of South Carolina, Georgia & Virginia as set forth in my declaration, and now reside in Augusta County about 12 miles East of Staunton.

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

Answer. I was a volunteer.

5th State the names of some the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & Malitia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer – I have given the names in my declaration above of the regular officers, and the general circumstances of my services I have in my declaration above set forth.

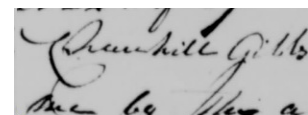
6. Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it.

Answer – I never received any commission nor do I believe it was customary at the time of my service to give commissions for persons filling the office I did.

7. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution?

Answer – I would refer to Genl Robert Porterfield and Philip Coiner.

I Churchill Gibbs of the County of Madison and State of Virginia one of the surviving officers of the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson; do hereby certify that in the year 1781 he was stationed at Goochland Courthouse Virginia as commander of the Guard that had charge of the Criminals remooved from the Jail in Rich[m]ond; and whilst there I became acquainted with Theophilus Wyat then a Quarter Master belonging to the Virginia line I am not able to say at this time whether he was a Quarter Master or a Debuty – but this I can say he had an office in Richond and the late Col. Wm [illegible] of Kentucky was employed in it; and think it probable from that circumstance that he was in fact a Quarter Master. A Mr. Peter Davis as well as my memory serves me was likewise employed in the office at the same time Given under my hand this 24th of Sep 1832



The above sworn to before me by the above Churchill Gibbs, Given under my hand & seal the 24th day of Sep. 1832.

*CHR Gibbs

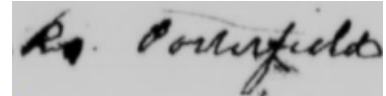
*It is known at the Pension office that I am an acting magistrate in and for this County CHG

I Richard Wyatt of Louisa County and state of Virginia do hereby certify that in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and eighty, or eighty one (I believe it was in one of those years) I was employed by the state authority to ride express, and I do also certify, that while I was engaged in that service, I was frequently in Richmond, where I saw Theophilus Wyatt with whom I was well acquainted, who was at that time, as I understood, and believed, a deputy in the Quarter Master's department, I cannot say when he entered, or when he was discharged from the service, but I believe that when I was discharged as express rider, I left him engaged in the duties of that office.

[signed] Rich'd. Wyatt

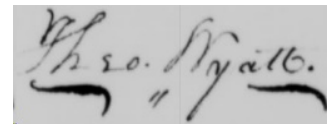
Gen'l Robert Porterfield an officer of the revolution appeared in open Court, and being duly sworn according to law, stated on oath that he has no personal knowledge of the services of the above named Wyatt, not haveing served with the troops he did but from conversation had with the said Wyatt and circumstances detailed by him, he believes he did serve as he has stated in his declaration – that he knows that his Brother Lt Col Charles Porterfield was a Quarter Master Gen'l. and that when he was ordered to South Carolina, when he was mortally wounded at Camden. Granville Smith & James Kemp acted as the deputies of his Brother – that after his death, Capt Henry Young succeeded to his office, and in August 1781 when he came from the South he found the said Young acting Quarter Master Gen'l. he remembers also that there was a William Rose who was also acting in the Quarter Master department, and from any thing he knows he might have been a deputy of Col Charles Porterfield – He knows that the pay of a deputy Quarter Master in the war of the revolution was that of a Captain and that from what he knows of the character of said Wyatt he considers him a man to whom credit is due. And from appearances he would judge the said Wyatt to be about 72 years of age.

Given under my hand this 24th day of Oct. 1832.



Virginia }
Augusta County } SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Augusta & State aforesaid Theophilus Wyatt, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, together with the lapse of time, 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: For three months as assistant Commissary to Col Sam'l Lewis – and I served for one year & seven months as assistant Quarter Master and ranked and drew during that period the pay and emolument of a Captain of the Virginia State Line, and for such service I claim a pension. Sworn & subscribed to before me this 6th day of July 1833.



Hon'ble J L Edward [Commissioner of Pensions]

Staunton 27 Aug't. 1833

D Sir. Capt. Wyatt whose claim was returned some months since for some informality, has just succeeded in haveing the defects remied, and the papers are now returned with the hope that they will be found sufficient to entitle him to the pay of a Capt. I should be gratified that he could obtain it, for really I know of no man who stands more in need of it, he is miserably poor, with a large and helpless family of females, and his health very feeble and he cannot have long to enjoy his country's bounty – with the expression of the hope that the claim will receive your early attention, and the result communicated to me.

I remain with great resp't Yours M:[?] Kinney sen

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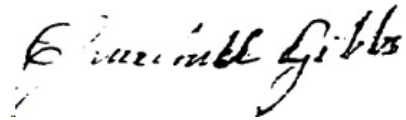
I do hereby certify to my knowledge that the prisoners of [*]as kept at Albemarle barracks in Virginia were removed [*]d from that place in the latter part of 1780, in the month of december. Given from under my hand in Augusta County va this 26th day of Nov'r. 1832.

Test Henry Weade William Patrick [S5882]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Patrick".

I Churchill Gibbs of the County of Madison and State of Virginia (late a Lieutenant in the Regiment Commanded by Col. George Gibson) do hereby certify that in the month of June 1781 I became acquainted with Theophilus Wyat at Goochland Courthouse Virginia, He at that time was acting as quarter Master in the course of the same summer I saw him in his office in the City of Richmond and from the circumstance of his keeping an office I am under the impression that he was either a Quarter Master or a debuty Quarter Master and attached to the Virginia State line, At that period it was quite common for Subaltern officers to fill such appoinments and think it quite probable Theophilus Wyat may have been a subaltern officer – but of that I cant speak with certainty, Given under my hand this 19th day of December 1832

[Sworn before C H R Gibbs]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Churchill Gibbs".

NOTE: On 6 Nov 1848 Sally Wyatt of Rockbridge County, aged 67 on 18 Feb 1849, applied for a pension stating that she married Theophilus Wyatt in Caroline County on 15 Oct 1797, and he died in Augusta County on 29 Dec 1833. On 8 June 1850 she wrote from Covington VA to an attorney to pursue an increase in pension. On 16 July 1855 while living in Alleghany County VA she applied for bounty land. A document from the Clerk of Caroline County Court states that no record could be found of the marriage of Theophilus Wyatt to Sally Lucas.