

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Noah Latham W5018

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: November Term 1832 To wit

On this 6th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, for said County, now sitting, to wit, Noah Latham, a resident of said County, aged seventy-three years and who was born in the County of Beaufort NC, 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say

He was hired as a substitute by Thompson Vines of the County of Beaufort in this State, and as his substitute, and in the militia Company of or commanded by Jacob Shute -- and marched under his orders, until he reached Greenville in the County of Pitt in this State, when the said Company was placed under the command of Captain Samuel Dudley -- in the Regiment was attended by, & both appeared have the command by turns, viz. Colonel Sessums & Colonel Allen -- General Caswell was Commander in Chief. The draft which required the said Vines to find a substitute was for a three months tour of service & therefore it was for that length of time, that this applicant engaged to serve. His recollection he is too imperfect to enable him at this late day to fix the date of his so entering the service, but he recollects that it was about 2 months before the capture of Charleston SC. After entering the service his Corps was marched on towards Charleston for the relief of that City -- and on the Santee River, they received news that the Enemy had closely invested the City by sea & land, and therefore halted at that place for some time, and then marched back to Fayetteville in this State, and thence this applicant was sent on a fatigue party down the Cape Fear [River], upon a foraging expedition, and on his return, sound, that his comrades had been discharged -- at or about Fayetteville & he had to go about thirty miles to find General Caswell, who gave him his discharge, at Smith's ferry on the Cape Fear River in this State. His entire service from the time he entered the Army until his discharge there from, as the substitute of said Vines, was nearly five months. Sometime before the Battle of Guilford Court House this applicant again entered the service of the United States by taking the place of John Bowin [?], and as his substitute in the County of Beaufort in this State; and entered the militia Company commanded by Captain Welch -- in his contract was for a three months tour: that said Captain Welch marched him & his company into Nash Court House in this State, where the said Captain became sick & quit his command some time afterwards Captain John Moore took the Command of the Company & divided them into parties to procure wagon timber -- some to molding of bullets -- and this applicant & others was sent as a guard of the public

stores -- into the upper part of Virginia -- where, at the house of one John Young the same was guarded until after the Battle of Guilford Court House -- and then he assisted to guard the said stores to Harrisburg in this State; where, the residue of his said three months engagement, he was employed in divers kinds of labor to enlarge the supplies of the Army & promote the public interest. -- and received his discharge from John Maderis [sic, John Medearis] at Harrisburg. -- His whole term of service, under both of said engagements was between seven & eight months. He has lost his discharges, & many years since every document which he had, to prove his said service: that he knows of no other persons now living, by whom he can prove his said service except such as he has gotten to testify for him; & hereunto is annexed the proof which they had made. He is now past hard labor, is a very poor man & has a burdensome family to support. He has lived since the Revolution for some years and Beaufort County and then moved to the County of Pitt where he has lived ever since.

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 aforesaid

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ Noah Latham

Giddens Petit,¹ a citizen of the County of Pitt aged about seventy years & being duly sworn here in open Court, saith, that he was a soldier of the Revolution and was & now is well acquainted with Noah Latham, the applicant to swear to & subscribed the above declaration: that he knew him as a soldier in the Company commanded a Captain Dudley: that he was with him nearly the whole of the period of service first mentioned by said the Latham in the above declaration, & believes he did serve as he states & was honorably discharged in the manner he has mentioned: that he has had an intimate acquaintance with said the Latham since the war, up to the present time, & verily believes that he performed the other tour of service which he has mentioned in said declaration -- having always understood that he did do so: -- and that he is though a poor man, a man of fair character and unexceptionable veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above mentioned

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ Gideon Pettit, X his mark

Colonel Thomas Latham, a citizen of the County of Beaufort & State aforesaid, aged about sixty years -- came here into open Court & being duly sworn according to law, doth swear that he well recollects the circumstance of Noah Latham's (who signed & swore to the above declaration) coming to his father's House with his knapsack on his back, as a soldier, just as it was then said, from the service -- in the War of the Revolution: but he cannot recollect the date or any other circumstance connected with that the crops.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ Thomas Latham

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The Amended Declaration of Noah Latham in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

State of North Carolina Pitt County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina, Noah Latham who being duly sworn, deposeth and

¹ Sic, [Gideon Petit S41950](#)

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.

For 5 months, I served as a private in the militia company commanded first by Captain Jacob Shute and afterwards by Captain Samuel Dudley in the Regiment commanded by Colonels Sessums & Allen under the general command of General Caswell as stated in my declaration heretofore made -- And for 3 months I served as a private in the Militia Company Commanded by Captain Welch & afterwards by Captain John Moore -- and that the whole term of service was eight months, and for the time during which this service was performed I was not employed in any Civil pursuit and for such service I claim a pension --

Sworn to before made this day of May 1833

S/ Will Pugh [?], JP

S/ Noah Latham

Answers to the Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born on Bath Creek in the County of Beaufort on the 8th day of March & I believe in the year 1760 --

2nd Have you any record of your age --

Ans: My father kept a record of my age in a family Bible which I am informed is now in the possession of the widow of my brother James Latham, who lives on Bath Creek in Beaufort County.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service -- where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living on Bath Creek in Beaufort County when called into service. Since my return from the war I lived in Beaufort County 2 or 3 years & then removed to the County of Pitt where I have resided ever since and do now reside --

4th How were you called into service -- were you drafted -- did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was first a substitute for Thompson Vines when I served a five months tour -- And I was then a substitute for John Bowens [?], as whose substitute I served for three months.

5. 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 & the general circumstances of your service --

Answer. The only officer belonging to the regular or Continental troops whose name I recollect his Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford] who joined the troops commanded by General Caswell somewhere in the State of South Carolina with five hundred regulars and artillery. I do not recollect another militia or Continental Regiments then the ones commanded by Colonel Sessums, Colonel Allen & Colonel Buford. I was first marched into South Carolina for the relief of Charleston and went as far as the Santee River hearing that Charleston was surrounded we thence returned to Fayetteville. I was then sent on a foraging party & on my return to Fayetteville General Caswell had left Fayetteville for Charleston. I went after him for the purpose of obtaining my discharge -- on my 2nd tour I did not join the Main Army at all.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it --

Answer. My first discharge I obtained from General Caswell in South Carolina; my last from John Maderis at Harrisburg in North Carolina -- both of my said discharges have been lost or

mislaid.

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

Answer. Howell Hearn, & Henry Stancill -- the former a clergyman in the latter a justice of the peace, whose certificates are annexed to my declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed this 9th Day of May 1833 S/ Noah Latham

S/ Archibald Parker, CCC

[Howell Hearn, a clergyman, and Henry Stansell Esquire gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On August 24, 1832 in Beaufort County North Carolina, Mary Waters, 68, gave testimony that she is the sister of Noah Latham of Pitt County; that she recollects his being hired as a substitute for Thompson Vines and afterwards by John Bowen to go as a soldier in the revolutionary war; but she cannot give the dates of such service or how long her brother served.]

[fn p. 4: on February 3, [1843?], Polly Latham, 74, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Noah Latham, a pensioner of the United States for his services during the revolution; that her husband died April 7th, 1835; that she remains a widow; that she married him December 14th 1784.]

[fn p. 5: Thomas Latham, nearly 70 years of age, gave testimony on February 7, 1843 in the Pitt County court that he has known Polly Latham since he was a boy; that Polly and Noah Latham lived together as man and wife; that he cannot state positively when they were married but thinks it must have been at least 10 or 12 years before he himself was married in 1790 "for this affiant was a small apprentice boy at the time [of their marriage]"; that affiant thinks said Polly has a child by her husband who is at least 50 years of age.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for 8 months service in the Revolution.]