

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Patrick Sinnett (Senate, Sennett) W8296

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Virginia SS

At a quarterly Court held for Wood County at the Court House thereof before the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for said County on Monday the 18th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833

Present Jonas Beeson, Jephtha Kincheloe, Barnes Beckwith, Henry Steed and Joseph Tomlinson Gent Justices

Personally appeared in Open Court before the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace of said County now sitting Patrick Sennett a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty years and upwards 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.

That he entered the Service of the U. S. under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. I was hired as a substitute in a Company of Virginia Militia under Command of Capt. George Rush and started from Rockingham County (now in Pendleton) and marched under said Capt. [John] Rush to Richmond Va. and was stationed thereabouts until our Company was discharged which was upwards of three months I do not recollect of any other Officers but of our own Company, nor do I recollect the year. About a year after I returned, I was drafted and marched from the same place under Capt George Huston to Richmond, and from thence to Williamsburg, thence back to Richmond, I was there taken sick and returned home in this Tour I was from home 3 Months but not quite that long in actual service while we were Marching and Countermarching. Major Rucker was our Commandant, who had been a Lieut. in the regular service and was appointed a Major over our Militia. We had at Jamestown a slight brush with the British, and accidentally wounded our Pilot badly by mistaking him for one of the Enemy - then at a place then called Hot Water [6 mi NW of Williamsburg] we had another slight brush with the enemy and drove them from their encampments. Afterwards (I believe in 1782) I was again drafted and went out under Capt. Wm Smith and marched to Mennefees Fort where I was stationed and served a part of the Tour, how long I do not recollect, but it was a month or more at any rate. I was then discharged and went home. In this tour I was marched against the Indians. After or before this Tour (I think before) I was drafted and served under Capt. John McCoy for three months and was stationed at Tygarts Vally in Westfall Fork [sic: Fort Westfall in Tygart Valley about 4 mi S of present Beverly WV] the whole Tour no regulars with us. I was also drafted on another Tour, and marched under Captain Coger (his Christian name not recollected) [possibly Michael Coger] I was then marched to Little York and was at the Siege of Little York and taking of Cornwallis, the whole Army was here engaged, but I do not remember the names of any of the regular Officers, but Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l. LaFayette & Gen'l. Wayne. And at this siege I believe I shot the last man that was killed on the Enemies entrenchment at the setting of the sun the night before Cornwallis sent out his flagg to surrender. I assisted in marching the Prisoners to Fredericksburg and from thence to Falmouth where I got my discharge. I also remember General Dark [William Darke] being there. I have thus given my statement to the best of my recollection, in the whole time I served the U.S. about 14 months and upwards, including the 4 months I was engaged against the Indians under Capts. Smith & McCoy. I have no knowledge of any person now living by which I can prove my service - Except Zacharia Rexroad [Zachariah Rexrode, pension application S5983] & James Keister whose Certificates or affidavits I have procured to accompany this application. My last Tour against the Brittish I was drafted for 3 months but was kept in service and served 4 months before I got my discharge as above stated.

I was born In Ireland in the year 1752 on St Patricks day as I have been Informed by my Parents, but have no record of my age. I came to America in 1773 and soon after went out in a Company Commanded by Capt. John Studmare [probably John Skidmore] under the King and was at the Battle of Point Pleasant [10 Oct 1774] against Cornstalk headed by the Admirable & brave Col.

Lewis [sic: Gen. Andrew Lewis] after which I settled in Rockingham Va. and remained there until about 18 years ago (Except when in service) and from thence I moved to this (Wood) County, where I have lived for the last 18 years

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 the Agency of any state whatsoever —

Patrick hisPSmark Senate

State of Virginia } SS.

Pendleton County }

On this 4th day of October 1832, Zachariah Rexrode personally appeared before William McCoy Jr a Justice of the peace for said County and made Oath, that he is well acquainted with Patrick Sinnett now a resident of Wood County in the State aforesaid formerly an inhabitant of the County of Pendleton; That he believes that the said Patrick Sinnett is 80 years of age and that he was reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resided in the County of Pendleton, to have been a soldier of the Revolution - That said Sinnett was drafted and served a tour in the Militia of Virginia as a private in the company commanded by Captain Cowgar of the County of Rockingham in the state aforesaid in which he, the said Rexrode also served. That they were drafted and marched from the county aforesaid sometime in the month of August 1781. They were rendezvoused at Williamsburg, at which place they were joined by the Regulars and French Troops and as he thinks placed under the command of Lafayette. From Williamsburg they were immediately afterwards marched to York Town, where the said Sinnett continued to serve until the surrender of Cornwallis on the 19th of October 1781. After the capitulation of Cornwallis, the said Sinnett was sent with other troops to guard the Prisoners to the interior, and was taken sick at a place called Falmouth near Fredericksburg Va. - and returned home where he arrived about the last of November in said year, having faithfully served during this Tour at least three months.

Zachariah hisXmark Rexrode

State of Virginia } SS.

Pendleton County }

I James Keister Sen'r. do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Patrick Sinnett now a resident of Wood County and formerly an inhabitant of Pendleton County Virginia, and that he was reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resided to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, and to have served several Tours of duty in the Revolutionary War, as a private in the Militia of Virginia, - Only one of those tours can I certify positively of my own personal knowledge. the said Sinnett together with myself were drafted for a three months Tour in the Spring and Summer of the year 1782, and were marched from home in the (then) county of Rockingham Va. sometime in the month of April of said year, under the Command of Captain William Smith of the Militia of the said County, and were stationed in what was called Minnef's Fort, on the North Fork of the South Branch of Potomac, to guard the settlement against the Indians, who had broken into the neighbourhood, and murdered two persons in the family of William Gragg and committed some other depredations. The company in which they served were discharged sometime before the expiration of the three months, and I am not positively certain as to the length of time during which we bore arms. I am however positive that it was something more than one month during which time said Patrick Sinnett continued to serve faithfully - There were no Regular Troops stationed with us.

James hisXmark Keister

Sworn and subscribed this 30th day of November 1832

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from several counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Patrick Sennate Serv'd. draws \$46.66

I the undersigned Patrick Sinnate in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War, give the following narative of my age & Revolutionary Services to Wit - I am a native of Ireland & came to this country in 1773 & locaded[?] at Dumfries Va. I shall be 83 yrs. old on the 17th March

next.

in the year 1779 or 1780 (cant tell which) I was drafted in Rockingham Count for 3 mo. & marched under Capt Josiah Harris [sic: Josiah Harrison] to Richmond & remained in that region of county for the term. there was but then one company on the march & in the Service.

In same year I substituted in same county in the place of Frederick Props[?] & marched under Capt. Geo Ruch to Richmond & was stationed there for the 3 mo. but [illegible word] the company in this service.

In the succeeding summer ([two illegible words] year [illegible word]) I volunteered in same county for 3 mos. & marched under Capt. Geo. Huston to Williamsburg, Jamestown & Hot Water at the two latter places we had a skirmish with the british. Col. [Gawen] Hamilton & Col. Harris was along but I dont recollect to which of their Regts I belonged. Genl Dark commanded.

In the year in which Cornwallis surrendered I was drafted in same County for 3 mo. & marched to Yorktown under Capt. Coger was at the Battle & believe I shot a british captain. I remained in service this tour for 4 mos. my company [illegible word] kept in service one month longer than they were drafted for

I served a tour of 3 mo. under Capt McKay at Tygarts Vally & one of sixteen days under Capt Smart at the North Fork of the Potomac - I am not possitive that this latter service was done before the close of the Revo War, but am inclined to think it was. Mr. Prentice wrote my declaration. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. Dec. 10, 1834

Witness Geo Sennate

Patrick his mark Sinnate

[The following part of the report is on the cover in Singleton's handwriting:]

Patrick Sennate Pen

Wood County

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this man is an Honest Man - and although he is one month short I respectfully recommend him to the mercy of the Comr of Pensions

W. G Singleton

If Mr. E. [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] can in conscence let this man alone I hope he will do so.

W.G.S

NOTE: On 3 Dec 1853 in Ritchie County VA Catherine Sinnett, 85, applied for a pension stating that she married Patrick Sinnett in Pendleton County on or about 1 May 1783, and he died at his home in Ritchie County on 19 Dec 1850. In an application for bounty land dated 13 Apr 1855 she gave her maiden name as Catherine Hefner. A document in 1854 referred to her "eldest son."