

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Patton S8934

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October 1832

On this 19 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court Samuel Patton resident in the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, aged 72 or 73 years, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: He entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Rowan North Carolina in the year __¹ about the 15th day of November, in the Company commanded by Captain Lopp [John Lopp] in which Company John McGahay [McGehee or McGeehee or McGregor?] was Lieutenant; under the Command of General Griffith Rutherford; that he marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina; he marched from thence under Captain William Shepperd, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Little to Augusta in Georgia, where he remained near 3 months and from thence marched to Brier Creek in the State of Georgia under General Ashe [John Ashe], where they were defeated by the British,² and retreated across the River into South Carolina where they were again commanded by General Rutherford, where he remained until the 15th of April when he was discharged having served 5 months. That he entered the service again sometime in the spring the year not recollected in a Company of Horse commanded by Captain Robert Patton Commanded by General Charles McDowell in the County of Burke North Carolina, he marched from there to South Carolina near Moncks Corner where they were defeated by the British,³ from there he marched to Cross Creek in North Carolina, from there he marched to Rowan in North Carolina where they were again under the command of General Rutherford under whom they marched against the Tories at Ramsour's mill⁴ in Lincoln County North Carolina where they arrived about an hour after the Battle, when they were discharged having served 3 months. That he entered the service again as a volunteer in the County of Burke some time in the latter part of the fall or early in the winter as an Ensign in the Company commanded by Captain Daniel Smith in which capacity he served 3 months at and near what were then called the upper forts in Burke County on the Catawba River against the Cherokee Indians when he was discharged: That he entered the service again as a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Little [also spelled, Thomas Lytle] in the County

¹ From the events described by the veteran, this was probably 1778.

² The Battle of Brier Creek occurred on March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

³ The veteran MAY be referring to the engagement at Biggin Bridge on April 14, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/bigginbr.htm>

⁴ June 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

of Burke North Carolina, that marched from there under the command of General Charles McDowell into the Cherokee Nation against the Indians and returned to Burke County in about 2 weeks, having served about one month he was again discharged. That he served as Ensign in the County of Burke in the character of scouters [sic, scouts?] or Indian Spies for about the space of 6 months. That he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services, nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his services except Thomas Little⁵ the Captain under whom he marched against the Indians and William Brittain⁶ who served with him the 3 months he served under Captain Daniel Smith in Burke County North Carolina.

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 and subscribed in open court the date aforesaid.

Test: S/ John Miller, Clk

S/ Samuel Patton, P his Mark

By N. W. Woodfin, D. C.

State of North Carolina Burke County: This Day came Thomas Lytle & made oath in due form of law before me Jesse Burgin one of the Justices of the peace for said County who deposeseth & saith that he were Captain of a company under General Charles McDowell who marched from said County against the Cherokee Indians [spelled "Chericea Indans"] & Samuel Patton were with us an officer either a Lieutenant or Ensign.

Sworn to & subscribed the 13th of October 1832

S/ Thomas Little

Test:

S/ Jesse Burgin, JP

State of North Carolina Buncombe County: This day came William Brittain before me Isaac T. Poor one of the Justices of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that Samuel Patton and himself did serve a Power of 3 months together near the head of the Catawba River in Burke County under Daniel Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this the 17th day of October 1832

S/ I. T. Poor, JP

S/ William Brittain

[Nathan Harrison, a clergyman, and Samuel W. Davidson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Montgomery County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Session A.D. 1836

On this 4th day of July 1836 personally appeared in open court before Nehemiah Blackstocks, Lewis Palmer and Elisha King Justices holding said Court Samuel Patton resident of said County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina aged 75 years, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service in the County of Rowan North Carolina as a volunteer in the Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Lopp in the fall of the year 1778 or 1789 [sic], for the term of 5 months, that he marched from Salisbury, the County town in Rowan to Orangeburg

⁵ FPA S8873

⁶ FPA S8100

or Purrysburg, he does not now remember which, in South Carolina where he joined the troops under the command of General Rutherford, where he remained only 2 or 3 days until he volunteered to go on a scout as he was informed for 3 days in a Company, all of whom had volunteered for that service, and were placed under the command of Captain William Shepperd accompanied by Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle?] and Major Harris. They then marched to Augusta in Georgia where they lay he thinks nearly 3 months when the Army commanded by General Ashe arrived there, the Company to which affiant belonged then joined said Army and marched to a place called Brier Creek in Georgia where the Army under Ashe was defeated. They then retreated back to South Carolina and joined the Army under General Rutherford just on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River they then marched a short distance down the River where they remained until the expiration of the term for which he had volunteered when he was discharged and returned home where he arrived on the 15th day of April having served the full term of 5 months. He entered the service again as a volunteer sometime in the spring of 1780 as a volunteer in the County of Burke in a Company of light horse commanded by Captain Robert Patton⁷ he marched from Morganton under the command of General Charles McDowell as far as Mecklenburg County [spelled Mc Lenburgh] North Carolina when General McDowell returned and he marched on under the command of Captain Patton to a place called Moncks Corner in South Carolina from there they marched down to the seashore about 6 miles from Charleston, he laid there a few days and returned to a place called the White Church about 3 miles from Moncks Corner where they lay a short time and were attacked by the British and defeated, the company was scattered and each man made his way up the Country as well as they could until the Company was organized again on the North side of Santee River not far from Nelsons ferry on the Monday which succeeded the battle that had taken place on Friday in this engagement affiant lost his horse saddle and bridle which he had furnished himself and for which he never received any pay. They then marched to Camden in South Carolina under the command of General Bluford [sic, Abraham Buford], they left Buford's Army at Camden and marched to a place called Cross Creek in North Carolina. From there they marched to Rowan County North Carolina where they joined the Army under the command of General Rutherford. They then marched under command of General Rutherford into Lincoln County NC where he was discharged the day after the Battle at Ramsour's mill having served out the term of 3 months. That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to prove any part of said service. 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 (except the State of North Carolina, which has been suspended as he is informed by directions from the war department upwards of 12 months.

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer Born in the County of Rowan North Carolina in the year 1761 or 1762

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer I have none.

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

Answer when I first entered the service I lived in the County of Rowan North Carolina previous to my entering the service the 2nd time I had come to Burke County North Carolina. I lived in Burke after the war until about 18 or 20 years ago when I removed to Buncombe County North Carolina where I have lived ever since and now live.

⁷ [Robert Patton W4758](#)

How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute.
Answer I volunteered both times mentioned in this declaration.

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 and the general circumstances of your
service.

Answer I was never in the service with any regular officers that I remember except a few days
with General Bluford at Camden South Carolina. I knew Generals Ashe, Rutherford and
McDowell was in the Battles at Briar Creek and Moncks Corner. The other general
circumstances of my service are set forth in the foregoing Declaration.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so what has become of it, and by whom
was it given

Answer I never received but one written discharge which was signed by General Rutherford as
well as now recollected it has been lost for many years and I cannot now tell how.

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

Answer. The Reverend Christopher Bradshaw, Thomas Forster, Samuel W. Davidson, James M.
Smith, William Coleman, William McDaniel, Bedut Baird, William Brittain and others.

Sworn to in open court 4th of July 1836.

S/ Samuel Patton, P his Mark

S/ John Miller, Clerk

S/ JB Whitesides, DC

[Christopher Bradshaw, a clergyman, and William Brittain and John Penland gave the standard
supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: On October 10, 1856 in Buncombe County North Carolina Thomas and James Patton
filed a claim for the balance due their father at the time of his death on October 18, 1851. They
state that their father left no widow surviving him and that the following all the surviving
children: William, John, Thomas, James, Margaret wife of Hugh Lawhorn, Naoma wife of Peter
Stradley, Elizabeth [Betsy] wife of James Stradley, Nancy wife of Calvin Fore and Sary [sic,
Sarah] Patton.]

[Joshua Roberts and Mont Patton gave a supporting affidavit dated October 10, 1856 in
Buncombe County.]

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State of North Carolina Burke County

This day came Thomas Little before me Thomas Curtis one of the acting Justices of the Peace for
said County and made oath in due form of law, that he was Captain and commanded a Company
in the time of the Revolutionary War, that he marched under the command of General Charles
McDowell against the Cherokee Indians in the year ___ and that Samuel Patton, then of Burke,
now Buncombe County was an officer under him in said tour either Lieutenant or Ensign he does
not remember which; that from the time they were called into service until they were discharged
was about one month. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 18th day of June 1833

Attest: S/ Thomas Curtis, JP

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

On this 5th day of November, 1845, personally appeared before me, J. Dunlap, one of the acting Magistrates in & for said County, Samuel Patton a resident of the County & State aforesaid a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, and made Oath, in due form of law, to the following statement relative to his services against the Indians during the War of the Revolution, for which he now claims an increase of pension --

That his first tour of duty against the Indians was in the fall after the surrender of Charleston; he served a tour of 3 months at Davidson's Fort under Captain Daniel Smith -- His next tour of duty was in the summer following, he served a tour as Lieutenant under Captain Thomas Lytle; that they gathered together at the aforesaid Fort, and from thence they went on through the Counties now called Buncombe & Haywood to Tuckaseegee River and into the Indian Settlements, and from thence back to the aforesaid Fort and was discharged. His 3rd & last service commenced in the fall following in the year 1781, he was Ensign of a Company and was placed on the frontiers to guard the inhabitants against the Indians in which service he remained from the fall of '81 until the fall of '82, during which time he had different Companies of men placed under his command and was engaged a larger portion of his time in actual service, in scouting up and down the lines of the frontiers in pursuit of Indians who were frequently committing depredations against the whites.

And this Affiant further states that during the above servitude he was under the command of the following officers Captains Smith, Lytle, & Cathey -- Generals Rutherford & McDowell. Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ J. Dunlap, JP

S/ Samuel Patton, P his mark