Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Henry Peyton VAS1846

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[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Cabell County]

To the Speaker of the Senate & House of Delegates of Virginia.

The Petition of Henry Peyton of Cabell county humbly sheweth, that Your Petitioner, then a citizen of Amherst County was inrolled in the malitia [undeciphered word] by the said commonwealth in the "War of the Revolution' & served in the Regiment commanded by Col [Francis] Taylor; that your petitioner was for some time on Guard of the British Prisoners confined at Albemarl Barricks [sic: Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781] as a Sargent; he was a Soldier at the Battle of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] in Capt Jno. Dillard's [John Dillard's] company of Amherst – he was afterwards at the Siege of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], as a Soldier commanded by Capt Jno. Stewart [John Stewart] of Amherst. he was also at the Battle of Point Pleasant [10 Oct 1774], when the Indian Chief "Corn-Stalk" [Cornstalk] was taken

Your Petitioner states that he is nearly completed his sixty seventh year, that having raised a large family he is now oppressed, by those ill-matched [undeciphered word] of life, Age & Want; when young he served his country with fidelity & was then fully compensated by the conscienciousness[?] of having been a soldier, Volunteerely in the Ranks of his country, that he never preserved the written evidence of his discharge, because he then little thought he should ever have to ask this Boon, he has either out lived his fellow soldiers, or so seperated that he cannot further command the Testimony as he lives far from Amherst county – and never he obtruders himself, until compelled by necissity he there fore appeals to the Hon. the Delegation of Virginia for such pension as their liberallity has moved them to others in like situation & as in duty bound will eaver pray &c. Heny. Payton [Sworn 18 Dec 1826]

Cabell County to Wit

"Personnally appeared before me P Keenan one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for said County, Micajah Frazer [Micager Frazeur (Frazear), pension application W3407] and made oath that he seen Henary Payton in the County of Albemarle about fifty years since acting as a Sargent in the Militia During the time of the Revolutionary War Micajah hisXmark Frazer Sworn to by the Subscriber before me the undersigned the 27th day of August 1826

P Keenan

Virginia/ Cabell County to wit

This day William Patterson of lawful age personally appeard before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Cabell and made oath in due form; that about forty eight or fifty years ago he the said William patterson was acquainted with Henry Peyton who is now a resident of Cabell County virginia; and that the s'd Henry Peyton at the period above refered to; was a soldier at Albemarle Barracks in the Military Service of the united states; as one of the guard of a number of British prisoners Confined at Said Baricks; which Baricks was Commanded by Colonel Taylor; Given under my hand and Seal this 16th day of December 1826 Abia Rece JP

Dec'r 28th 1826 ref'd to Claims/ 1827 Jany 3 Rejected/ 4 Reported