Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Patton S17618 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Missouri County of Montgomery SS

On this 13th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Thomas N. Graves, Sylvester Baker and Nathaniel Dryden Justices of the County Court of Montgomery County now sitting Jacob Patton a resident of Lewiston Township in the County of Montgomery and State of Missouri aged eighty-two 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. The said Jacob Patton states that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 as a volunteer to go against the Indians this affiant then lived on the Catawba River near the Lansford State of South Carolina, he entered the service under Colonel Thomas [John Thomas Senior] and John Walker Captain. This affiant believes that he was in the service as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Thomas near two months and had several skirmishes with the Indians. About the first of December 1778, This affiant was drafted and entered into the service of the United States under the command of Captain Crawford [Robert Crawford] who lived in the Waxhaw settlement about 2 miles of the Catawba River, Colonel Cashaw [sic, Joseph Kershaw] and General Richardson [Richard Richardson] belonged to the Troop. Crawford's company to which this affiant was attached joined the Regiment at Camden, and the Main Army near Charleston. The Army marched to Purrysburg, it was called the Purrysburg Campaign. The Army was stationed at Purrysburg during the winter. The company to which this affiant was attached was relieved sometime in the month of February and this affiant went home without receiving any discharge, during the absence of this affiant his family moved on to the opposite side of the Catawba River where they were found on his return home and in a few days after his return this affiant was drafted into the service under Robert Patton Colonel John Winn commanded the Regiment Rendezvoused at Liberty Hill near Augusta Georgia this affiant believes he went into this last mentioned service in the month of March, that the Army marched from Liberty Hill to a place low down in South Carolina called Stono, and at this place this affiant left the Army in the month of June without receiving any other than a verbal discharge. In the year 1780 on the 10th of June this affiant left his home the British and Tories being then in his neighborhood on the evening of the 10th of June this affiant met with Captain John Walker and Colonel Robert Patton who like himself had left their homes with the view of joining the American Army. This affiant and the aforesaid Captain and Colonel on their march within 3 days were joined by something like 400 men, and marched to Mecklenburg County North Carolina and were there organized and marched under

the command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] to Ramsour's on the South fork of the Catawba River expecting to meet the Tories & British there, on the morning that this affiant reached Ramsour's there had been a battle fought and the enemy was driven from Ramsour's the Troops marched to the Wax settlement [sic, Waxhaw settlement], there at this affiant was taken sick and was not in the service until the February following in the year '81 he then joined Captain George Nealy [George Neely] under Colonel Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] on Fishing Creek and marched from thence to Congaree River to a Fort¹ on that River that the enemy had the possession of. The troop to which this affiant was attached had none other than small arms so that they were only enabled to keep the enemy within the Fort after some days Colonel Lee [Henry ["Light Horse Harry"] Lee] came to the assistance of Colonel Lacey and brought with him a Field Peace and at his direction a Battery was Constructed, the enemy upon seeing these arrangements upon the part of the Americans surrendered, ² and were taken to the Main Army commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] shortly after this affiant was discharged but did not receive at this or any former time any written discharge. This affiant was born in Chester County in Pennsylvania, that he has seen a record of his age but has none under his control, that he has lived in South Carolina & in Lincoln County and Macon County in the State of Kentucky and this affiant further states that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure that can testify to his service and 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 any Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribe to in open Court the 13th day of November 1832.

S/ J. L. Sharp, Clerk

S/ Jacob Patton, X his mark

By S/ Jus C. Bast. C. Clerk

[Absalom Hays, Jeremiah H. Neal & Hugh Logan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before the County Court of Montgomery County a Court of record at the August Term of said Court in the year 1833 Jacob Patton Senior who being duly sworn makes the following declaration in addition to the Declaration made by him before this Court on the 13th day of November 1832 to wit -- 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 the year 1776 two months as a private

For the year 1778 one month as a private continued to [sic, ?]

For the year 1779 five months as a private

For the year 1780 two months as a private

For the year 1781 one month as a private

And for such service he claims a pension. And he further states that he is not able to procure either any documentary evidence of his Services or the testimony of any living witness who can testify as to his services.

S/ Jacob Patton, X his mark

[Alia B. Luethen, a clergyman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution fort granby 1.html

² May 14, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

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South Carolina Waxhaw Congregation that the Bearer Jacob Patton & his wife Rebekak [Rebecca] has lived several years in the bounds of this Congregation has behaved himself sober by giving no just ground of offense to any is free from Church Censure or anything known to us that can with justice Expose them thereto has manifested himself to be a true friend to American Liberty and leaving these parts and may be treated as herein Recommended by Christians of every Denomination where God in his providence may order their Abode & have enjoyed Gospel ordinances is Certified by order of Session

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S/ John Stephenson: Clark [sic]

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the South Carolina militia.]