Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pattillo (Pattilo) S30630 f21VA
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State of Kentucky Logan County: SS

On this 2nd day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Logan County Court now sitting, William Pattillo a resident in said County of Logan in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-three 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in Charlotte County in the State of Virginia in the month of May 1760 he has no written record of his age, but derived from his parents information in reference to his birth.

He enlisted in the Service of the United States in the Summer of the year 1780 for the term of eighteen months at Mr. Spencer's in said County of Charlotte under Captain Overton as a private. We rendezvoused at Brunswick Court House, but were soon marched from thence to Chesterfield Barracks, Jeddings Spencer and Joseph Morton were with us from Charlotte recommended us fit persons to command the Company to which your declarant was to be attached and the former was appointed Lieutenant after we reached said Barracks one Reid was appointed Captain, one Colonel Davis had the command at said Barracks – during the ensuing winter the British came up to West Ham on James River. We marched down and met them at this time Captain Culberson had the command of the Company to which he belonged, the British retreated on our approach through Richmond on the North side of the River & our troops continued on the South side, we marched through Petersburg to the junction on Appomattox River with James River where the British shipping lay – here we had a night skirmish. The British went on board their vessels and sailed down the River. We were then ordered back to the Barracks at Chesterfield Court House where we remained till we drew clothing and underwent a general Review. About this time there was a call for troops to assist General Green] Nathanael Greene] who had the command of the Southern Army. We were ordered to his relief and marched in the month of February, we crossed the Roanoke [River] at Taylor's ferry and joined General Greene's Army at or near Hillsboro, North Carolina, a short time before the battle at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], the Regiment to which he belonged at this time was commanded by Colonel A. Campbell who was afterwards killed at the battle at Eutaw Springs. He was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse from hence we marched to Campden [Camden], the British stationed there made battle, We drove them into the garrison and that night they marched off – from thence we marched to the Fort of Ninety Six in South Carolina and besieged that place which was garrisoned by a British force under one Colonel Stewart or General Stewart [sic, the Fort at 96 was commanded by John Harris Cruger, Alexander Stewart commanded the British forces at Eutaw Springs]. After some days the British having received a reinforcement General Green thought fit to raise the siege and did so – immediately after the Siege he was transferred to

Colonel Lee's Legion of dragoons and placed under the command of Captain Armstrong [James Armstrong]. We were stationed a short time at the High Hills of Santee in this neighborhood we had many skirmishes, marching & countermarching until the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. Your declarant fault in said Legion in this Battle which was the last fight he was then. Soon after the Battle he was taken sick and sent to the hospital at the High Hills of Santee where he remained until his term of enlistment expired which was the last day of December, he thinks the battle of the Eutaw Springs was in September. He served out the full term of enlistment which was for eighteen months for which he received a written discharge at or near Charlotte town in North Carolina which said discharge is lost or mislaid. He knows of no other person by whom he can prove his services except the individual whose affidavit is hereto attached.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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/ William Pattillo

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[Thomas Porter, a clergyman, and John Rankin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Logan County: SS

The affidavit of John Porter¹ taken in Russellville Logan County Kentucky on the 20th day of August 1833

This Affiant now in the 74th year of his age saith that during the war of the revolution, he thinks in the month of February 1781, he marched from Chesterfield Courthouse in the State of Virginia in a Regiment of eighteen months men of the Army of the United States, to the South to join the Army under the command of General Greene –. William Patillo who is now applying for a pension under the provisions of the Act of Congress of 1832 was a private in the Regiment to which this Affiant belonged which was commanded by Colonel Campbell. He saw said Patillo frequently in the Army after we joined General Greene's Army.

He recollects perfectly well when said Patillo was transferred to Lee's Legion vacancies had occurred by death and otherwise in said Legion, volunteers were called for to fill their places & said Patillo and many others volunteered in said service.

This Affiant has heard the declaration of said Patillo read, to which this is attached and from his personal knowledge of the facts therein stated saith that said declaration is in all respects substantially correct but he never saw said Patillo in the Army after he was transferred.

It gives this Affiant much pleasure to add that said Patillo is a man of good character.

S/ John Porter.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service.]

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