Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Patton S38981 Transcribed by Will Graves f14VA 9/24/12

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Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 14th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber presiding and sole judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County in the State and district aforesaid personally appeared Alexander Patton of the said County of Fauquier and State of Virginia aged seventy years resident in the said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That he the said Alexander Patton enlisted as a common soldier in the year 1776 in a company of Riflemen commanded by Captain John Ashby the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia and of the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer and by Lieutenant Colonel Weedon [George Weedon] that he served in this company two years the term of his enlistment and at the end of this time he enlisted in a company of musketeers commanded by Captain Valentine Peyton of the same Regiment at White Marsh for three years that he continued to serve in the said Companies and in the service of the United States until the year 1781 when he was discharged at Charlotte by Colonel Buford and that after this discharge he enlisted for the further time of eighteen months and was sent to Georgia under Captain Choff Chilton [Clough Chilton] under the command of Colonel Posey and General Wayne and that at the end of this time he was discharged at Cumberland Court House in Virginia that he was in the Battles of York Island, White Plains, Brandywine, Germantown, Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services except the annexed affidavits of Samuel Cox and Philip Linor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid S/ Thos. W. Strother S/ Robt. Whit e

This 14th day of April 1818 Samuel Cox¹ aged sixty-two years, and a credible witness and made oath that Alexander Patton the above applicant for a pension did enlist in the year 1776 and a company of Captain John Ashby of the 3rd Virginia Regiment for the term of 2 years and afterwards in a company of Captain Valentine Peyton at White Marsh for 3 years that he continued to serve in the said companies until the last term of his enlistment had ended, and that he was in the Battles of York Island, Brandywine, Germantown, White Plains and Monmouth, and that he was a brave and faithful soldier and is now in such needy circumstances as to require the aid of his country for support.

¹ FPA S39343

Sworn to before me the day and year above written S/ Robt. White

This 14th day of April 1818 Philip Linor² aged 6? [last digit illegible] years and a credible witness made oath that he knows that Alexander Patton the above applicant for a pension served two years in the company of Captain John Ashby of the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, that he was a good and faithful soldier and is now poor and needs the aid of his country for support.

Sworn to before me the day and year above written. S/ Robt. White

Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 30th of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid made by act of Assembly invested with Chancery and common law Jurisdiction unlimited in amount and possessed also of the power of fine and imprisonment Alexander Patton seventy-five years in April 1820 resident in said County and State and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – that in the year 1775 at the Court House of said County enlisted as a company commanded by Captain John Ashby and Lieutenant William Nelson of the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer and Lieutenant Colonel Weedon for the term of two years that at the end of this time he enlisted for the term of three years under Captain Valentine Peyton also of the 3rd Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall of the County and State aforesaid that his original declaration was sworn to and proved before the Honorable Robert White Judge of the Circuit Court of Fauquier and the General Court of Virginia that he has received his pension up to the 4th of March 1820 that his pension certificate is numbered 231.

I Alexander Patton do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz. my wearing apparel and nine shillings and nine pence due me and no property of any kind or description besides, that I have never had wife or children that I am by occupation a gardener that I am almost entirely unable to pursue it that the only compensation I received is my victuals and close that my work is not worth as much and that I have been dependent upon the Charity of Thomas Ingram with whom I live for several years for support.

S/ Alexander Patton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 18th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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² FPA 38143

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Addendum to Alexander Patton S38981

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 18 Dec 2020.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia in two files, one indexed as Patten, Alex and the other as Patton, Alex.]

This is to Certify that Allexander Patten Sirved as a soldier in the 3^d Virg'a Rig't from Feb'y 1776 untill the first of November 1780. he rec'd his wages in Paper Currencey, up to the first Day of Dec'r 1779. Since which Time, I do not know that he has rec'd any thing.

John Blackwell [BLWt264-300] Cap.

A Copy P. Shackelford CBA

3rd V. Reg't

Sir Please to Issue a Land warrant in the Name of [undeciphered] for the amount of my claim as a soldier in the 3^d Virginia Ridgment for three years as per Sertificate Maximor Milen _

Alexander Patten

To his Excellency Benjamin Harrison Esq'r

I do heare by certify that Alexander Patton enlisted in the third Virginia continental establishment for the war which time he faithfully served.

Given und my this 23rd April 1822

J. Blackwell Late Capt 6th Virginia Reg't

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State of Virginia County of Fauquier

I Alexander Patton aged Seventy five year a Citizen of the United States do upon Oath testify and declare that in the year One thousand seven hundred and seventy five I Enlisted in the army of the Revolution against the common Enemy of my Country for the term of two years in the company commanded by Capt. John Ashby in the Regiment under the command of Colo. Mercer of the Virginia line and that I continued in the service for the term of two years and reinlisted in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven for the war under Capt. Valentine Peyton in the third Virginia Regiment and continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war when I was regularly discharged from the Regiment Commanded by Colo. John Nevil. My discharge is now lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above statement. I further declare that I have never received a Warrant for the bounty land promised to me on a part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner watever.

Witness my hand this 24th April 1822. Alex'r patton