

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Basil Hatton S8665

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State of Maryland Prince Georges County

On this 4th day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Prince Georges County now sitting, Basil Hatton a resident of said County in the State of Maryland aged 73, 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 enlisted in the flying Camp at the Village of Piscataway in Prince Georges County and State of Maryland in the month of June 1776 under Lieut. William Duval and served in the 3rd Regiment under the following named Officers: General Reason Beall, Colonels John Anderson and Ewing, Capt. John Lowe, Lieutenants John Burgess and William Duval and Ensign Horatio Clagett, that he lived in the County and State aforesaid at the time of his enlistment, that he marched from Piscataway to Baltimore thence to Philadelphia by the way of Elk Town, thence to New York, that he was in a skirmish on North River, thence to the White Plains and that he was in the battle at that place, thence into Jersey, thence to Philadelphia where he received his discharge a day or 2 before Christmas. He further states that in the month of March 1777 he enlisted in the Army of the United States for 3 years as a Sgt. at a place then called Newgate, now Centerville in Fairfax County State of Virginia, under Capt. John Garrett and that he served in the 3rd Georgia Regiment of the Georgia line under the following named officers: Generals McIntosh, Robert Howe, __ Elbert, and __ Lincoln, Colonels James Screven and __ Ray, Major Roberts, Capt. John Garrett and after his death under Capt. William Scott Lieutenants John Johns and Josiah Hatton and Ensign John Frazer, and that after the Georgia line was broken, he was in a company of Infantry that followed Polaski's troop of horse and was commanded by Col. Malmida [sic, Malmedy]. That from Newgate he marched through Virginia by the way of Fredericksburg, Prince Edward Court house into North Carolina, through the same by the way of Hillsborough in the South Carolina, through the same by the way of Camden, Purrysburg on Savannah River, thence into Georgia to Savannah Town, thence to Midway Meeting house, thence into Florida and was at the taking possession of a Fort in Florida he thinks called St. Anthony or St. Toni¹, thence recrossed the River St. Mary's and with others was detached to Cochran's where there was a small stockade Fort; thence to Midway Meeting House, where he joined the Main Army, near which, at a place he thinks called the Bull Swamp he was in an engagement where his Col. James Screven fell,² thence to Salisbury, thence he was detached with others and sent on board a Row galley called the *Lee*, that he remained on board until they discovered the enemy's Fleet when she was run into a Creek called Cockspur, thence he went with an express to General Robert Howe who lay at Savannah; that he returned the same night to the row galley in which he continued until he reached Purrysburg, thence to Augusta,

¹ This MAY be a reference to Fort Toney. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/forttonyn.htm>

² General James Screven died November 14, 1778 from wounds suffered in an engagement with British forces led by Provost on Spencer Hill near Midway Meeting House on November 22, 1778.

thence to Briar Creek and was in the battle at that place, thence to Purrysburg, thence to Stono and that he was in the engagement at that place, thence into Georgia and that he was discharged in the month of March 1780 at Col. Ray's near Augusta. He further states that at the time of his 2nd enlistment, he has formerly lived in Prince Georges County and State of Maryland, and that he hath no documentary evidence unless 3 letters and a partial list of the men's names composing the company in which he enlisted received from Thomas Weeden who also belonged to said Company and here with exhibited may be taken in that light and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure (except the general report and belief where he is known) who can testify to his service. He further declares that he served in the flying Camp 6 months to the North and 3 years in his Southern tour.

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 the day and year aforesaid

S/ Basil Hatton, X his mark

Witness:

S/ C. Daisey

[Richard L. Jenkins and George H. Lanham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to Basil Hatton with the several answers thereto

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born near the Village of Piscataway in Prince Georges County State of Maryland on the 8th day of August 1860.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in Prince Georges County State of Maryland at the time of my enlistment and have continued to do so ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: Generals Reason Beall, Robert Howe, McIntosh, Elbert and Lincoln, for my answers to the balance of this interrogatory I refer to my foregoing declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge from the flying Camp, given by Capt. John Lowe, and a discharge from my southern enlistment given by General Henly, and both discharges have been lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Dr. Benedict J. Simmes, George Simmes, Thomas C. Lyles, Raphael C. Edelin, Ebsworth Bayne, Thomas Berry, George Kirby, Richard Coe, Dr. William Marshall, Richard L. Jenkins, Geo. H. Lanham.

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January 31, 1826 Belmont County of Ohio

Dear Sir the want of money has prevented me from coming to see you if I should ever get money to bear my expenses I shall come to see you Mr. Jennings is agent for me at the board of war he is a member of Congress you know me to have a lawful Discharge from the Regiment in Savannah please to send him with your deposition and oblige me I have also petitioned for a pension from the State of Maryland Mr. Jennings is trying to obtain that if you will please to assist him in it and so I conclude and remain yours with humble submission and the respect till death.

S/ Thomas Weeden³

Bazel Hatton

David Raney is dead

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Stillwater Kirkwood

Township Belmont County and State of Ohio 17th of August 1823

Mr. Basil Hatton

Esteemed friend John W. Low informed me that you was well last spring. Sir I request your assistance your knowing of me to serve as a Sgt. in the 3rd Georgia Continental Battalion and knowing me to receive a lawful discharge of Col. James Screven in Savannah Town now know you that old age inabilitys and misfortune has inawed [?] me to petition to the board of war for a pension. Mr. Hatton my schedule was made out last September at St. Clairsville County Court and David Givings states attorney is my Counselor and he informs me that we are not found on record at the war office and Mr. Givings informs me that substantial proof must be had. I returned to Capt. Jarrett as my Capt. and he was killed and I do expect the men was recorded to William Scott now Sir you could help your Brother Soldier Thomas Weeden by giving your deposition to the bearer Benjamin [paper torn, name missing]

S/ Thomas Weeden, X his mark

David Raney

George Thomas

Josidh Hatton [Josiah Hatton?]

James Cannonwine

John Rollens [John Rollens?]

Jeremiah McCarter

Jonathan Whitmore

Daniel Murry

Abraham Watson

John Cullumber

William Rowes

Edward Tuthaker

Alex Webb

John Fielding

Henry Lawler

Dudler O dannel

Thomas Jinkins [Thomas Jenkins?]

John Carney

John Masterson

Wm Masterson

Henry Pig

³ I could not find anyone of this or any similar name who claimed service in Georgia.

John Phillips
Alex Furguson [Alex Ferguson?]
Jeremiah Swilven
Daniel Swileven
Partrick Swileven [Patrick something?]
Thomas Dshaers
Henry Dshaers
John Boyd
William Orsborn
Samson Corgel
Wm Crisson
John D Vorn
George Jones

I say in my seigule [?] I was Discharged in Savannah Town
Mr. Beall informs that you are in aweth thy life which I am
Glad to her [hear]

S/ Thomas Weeden