

Patriot Jonathon Pitts

Jonathan Pitts was born April 12, 1756 in Rowan County, North Carolina. He entered service as a volunteer October 22, 1779 under the command of Colonel Davidson. He participated in several engagements, with multiple command changes. During one engagement, Rugeley's Mills, about July 15, 1779 he was wounded, but remained with his command. He was discharged October 23, 1780 on command of a Captain Black. Approximately two (2) weeks later (now) General Davidson prevailed upon him to again volunteer. On November 30, 1780 he volunteered for a period of 18 months and became known as one of the "Eighteen Months Men". He actively participated in the fight at Eutaw Springs, later being discharged around the time of Christmas 1781. In April 1782, he volunteered to help fight against Indians and was captured at Fort Ashton and was held in captivity at Rintopo about 40 miles from Detroit until he escaped in June 1783. In later life, Patriot Pitts lived in Kentucky from whence Compatriot Michael Bailey hails.