

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Benjamin Pollard VAS224

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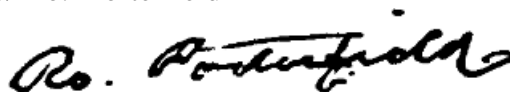
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Augusta County

I certify that I knew Captain Benjamin Pollard in the Virginia Continental Line – I am confident he served more than three years and was an excellent officer – given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> September 1822

S/ Ro. Porterfield



The above was signed in my presence by General Porterfield

S/ Thos. Green July 1830

Richmond November 21, 1777

A petition of John Aimes was presented to the house and read – setting forth, that being possessed of a mulatto lad, who by the laws of this Country was his Servant, he was sometime last spring taken from your petitioner by Captain Pollard, who enlisted him as a soldier in the service of this State, and still retains him to the great loss of petitioner and praying that such compensation may be made him for his said servant as shall be thought just and reasonable

Richmond December 8, 1777

Resolved as the opinion of this committee. That they petition of John Aimes praying that he may be allowed a reasonable satisfaction for a mulatto servant lad, who enlisted as a soldier in the service of this State with Captain Pollard the rejected.

Mr. Benjamin Pollard joined the Culpeper Battalion of minute men in Williamsburg sometime in the month of October 1775 as a volunteer – about the end of November or beginning of the month of December, as many of the Battalion as considered well armed were ordered to the Great Bridge & from thence most of them went to Norfolk, the remainder returned home – business of some importance to me made it necessary that I should return also for a short time, leave of absence was granted me for a few weeks, in the meantime Mr. Benjamin Pollard discharged the duties of Adjutant in my stead & marched with the Troops to the Great Bridge & thence to Norfolk, – I joined the Army at Norfolk early in January – Mr. B. Pollard continued to serve [indecipherable word]. He being very desirous of continuing with the Army, I [several indecipherable words] having some appointment could be given him for support while with the Troops, but none occurred – and it being the opinion of Lieutenant Colonel [indecipherable

name]<sup>1</sup> who commanded this Battalion that Lord Dunmore with the refugees &c &c would soon leave our coast & that the Troops would have to return home in a few weeks, I consented to leave Mr. B. Pollard [indecipherable word] during the tour, – on the return of the Troops he stopped [word written over and illegible] and in Williamsburg & I think shortly after secured the appointment of Captain in the regular service & very soon served – the number [indecipherable word or words] required to entitle him to receive his Commission. – I was at Williamsburg [one or more indecipherable words] in the of the winter 1776 or beginning of the spring 1777 where I found Mr. Pollard in his Command. – I have no recollection if I ever was informed when he received his Commission, – some years after he accompanied and intimate acquaintance to England, they having, as I understood obtained permission of this Government to go there own particular business – I have in my possession a Letter from him dated London November 7<sup>th</sup> 1780 stating that he had arrived in England about 6 weeks before, it is possible his resignation was occasioned by his determination to accompany his friend to England & if so he was in service until about that time he must have held his Commission from 3 to 4 years. I have no recollection of the Regiment to which he belonged or whether he was in the State or Continental line.

August 20, 1830

S/ Robert Pollard

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Pollard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. Below the name, there are several decorative flourishes and a horizontal line.

The Petition of Benjamin Pollard of Norfolk and G. Loyall Representatives of Captain Benjamin Pollard respectfully state

That Captain Pollard was among the first to enter the service of his country in the Revolution, He was a volunteer in October 1775 and soon after became a Captain in the Virginia Continental line – About the beginning of the year 1780 your Petitioners have understood he resigned his commission to go to England on private business of importance – He was captured at St. Eustatius with the Fleet on his way out – which was in 1780 –

The certificate of General Porterfield is positive that Captain Pollard was 3 years in service and the circumstances recited by Mr. Robert Pollard corroborate the statement.

S/ Th. Green attorney for the petitioners

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Th. Green". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.