

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Henry Pullen VAS299

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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

Henry Pullen having served with Fidelity & [indecipherable word]

tion to the expiration of the time he stood  
engaged for is hereby discharged the service  
of the United States of America.

Head Quarters [indecipherable words]

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1781

S/ Wm Colfax, Lt. Comdt.

Comr in chief's Guards

June 16, 1783

A Copy

No land but for 3

years Service J. Shackelford C. B. A.

? Colo. Gaskins

I do certify that Henry Pullen reenlisted from the Virginia Corps

raise for 2 years in the Commander in Chief's Guards the 1<sup>st</sup> of

March 1778. That he has discharged his duty to the public & this

Officers: that he has received no bounty or gratuity from the State except the \$40 in 1779 & has  
obtained his discharge –

Head Quarters 2 of March 1781

Wm Colfax Lt. Comdt.

June 16 1783 a Copy

Comr. in Chief's Guards

J. Shackelford C. B. A.

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[Another file: same name: Henry Pullen]

Virginia Lancaster County Sct.

Elizabeth Christian now aged eighty years old, this day personally appeared before me a  
justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form that she well recollects  
Henry Pullen of the County of Lancaster & State aforesaid enlisted in the Continental Service  
during the Revolutionary war at the same time her husband Rawleigh C. Christian<sup>1</sup> enlisted,  
under a certain Captain Burgess Ball for two years which time they both served & returned to

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<sup>1</sup> [Rawleigh C. Christian W18892](#)

their homes – & that in a very short time thereafter they both reenlisted to serve during the war. She does not recollect under whom they reenlisted a second time but thinks it probable it was Captain Gaskins. That they did reenlist for the balance of the war she is certain, as the said Pullen went off in company with her said husband & at the close of the war they returned: she has often heard her deceased husband say that he & Pullen served all the war together, & that they belonged to General Washington's Company of life Guard. Her husband Rawl Christian died on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1828 & since his death, his warrant for bounty land has been obtained by his children. That Pullen [the image of the document runs off the page at this point] [top of the next page] husband did, she is certain. The said Elizabeth Christian is a lady of respectability & integrity & as such her affidavit is entitled to do you faith & credit. Given under my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833

S/ Jos. A. Carter

John Lawry of the County of Lancaster & State of Virginia aged about 69 years deposeseth & saith that he well knows & recollects that Henry Pullen – Stephen Chilton, William Chilton, Edward Blackmore (or Blakemore), William George, John Carter & Thomas Carter (all of the County & State aforesaid) enlisted into the Continental service at or soon after the commencement of the revolutionary war, & that they all served during the whole war & returned together home in the County & State aforesaid after peace – This deponent further saith that John Chilton of the County & State aforesaid enlisted into the naval service at or about the same time & never returned – the report generally in the neighborhood was that he was killed in service. This deponent further saith that John Lunsford & William Smith also enlisted in the naval service & served during the war & further this deponent saith not.

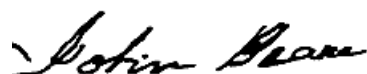
S/ John Lawry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lawry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator or underline.

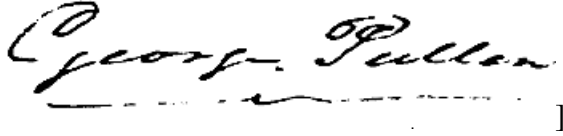
[attested August 8, 1831 in Lancaster County Virginia]

I John Beane of the County of Lancaster & State of Virginia aged seventy years, hereby certify to the best of my recollection & belief that Henry Pullen of the County & State aforesaid enlisted in the regular Service early in the Revolutionary War, I believe under a Captain Burgess Ball for one or two years which term I always understood he served & returned home. I was then quite young, but recollect, as I lived a near neighbor of his coming home & visiting all his neighbors who were pleased to see him. After remaining a short time at home, he reenlisted a second time, but how long to serve I cannot be positive, but am inclined to think it was during the war. I do not think he returned home until the close of the war. I have some recollection of his saying about the time he left home on his second enlistment that he should not return until peace, if ever he did return. I have frequently heard him say since peace & not many years before his death, that he was entitled to bounty land from the Government, as he had enlisted during the war & he expected the land would one or other the valuable to him or his heirs. Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833

S/ John Bean

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Bean". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator or underline.

[Note: this file contains a letter dated September 13, 1833, Nuttsville, signed by George Pullen in which he refers to the bounty land claim for the services of his father Henry Pullen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Pullen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that ends in a small square bracket on the right side.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1783, in the name of Henry Pullin, as a sold. inf. [Soldier of infantry] for £82.11.1, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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Addendum to Henry Pullen VAS299

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 18 Jan 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Petition for add'l bounty land.

The Heirs of Henry Pullen sold. C. L.

The Heirs of Henry Pullen have been allowed bounty land for the war, and the Register has issued a warrant for two hundred acres. They claim an additional allowance of 100 acres of land, alledging that their ancestor enlisted before April 1<sup>st</sup> 1781, for the war & served to the end of it.

The proof fild with the first Petition is that this soldier enlisted twice. His last enlistment was before April 1<sup>st</sup> 1781, for the war: and he served to the end of the war. They claim another 100 acres of land, according to the provisions of the act of 1780. Resp'ly submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c To his Excellency/ Go'r Tazewell May 10<sup>th</sup> 1834

The undersigned only heirs a law of Henry Pullen decd. late a Soldier in the revolutionary war, earnestly solicit additional land bounty for the services of said Henry. From the evidence produced by them, they believe he enlisted previous to the 1st April 1781 therefore is entitled to one hundred acres more. They are advised, that Mr. Smith in the examination of their Case, reported, that from the evidence before him, they were entitled to three hundred acres. The Claim having been very lately allowed by his Excellency they respectful ask his early attention to this application. G[illegible] Pullen