

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Larkin Sullivan R10296

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State of Alabama Madison County: On this 1st day of May 1839 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the County Court of said County Larkin Sullivan a resident of the said County of Madison and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight or seventy-nine years, 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. Said deponent stated that he was born in Charlotte County in the State of Virginia about six miles from the courthouse of said County. He does not know in what year he was born as he has not now nor did he ever have any record of his age, that his father not having sufficient education to write did not have any record of the ages of his children, as he is informed and believes, he however states that from the best information he can obtain he will be seventy-eight or seventy-nine years old in March next. He was living in Charlotte County and State of Virginia when called into service, but he does not recollect the day nor the month nor the year nor the time when he left the same – that he was twice called into service – the 1st time for three months – that his Captain's name was __ Basdal¹, his Colonel __ Fleming, and his General __ Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg]– that the company to which he belonged and Captain __ Gaines' [perhaps Richard Gaines'] company assembled at little Roanoke Bridge in said County of Charlotte and marched from thence to Petersburg, where they remained two days, thence to Cabbin point [Cabin Point], where they remained three weeks or thereabout as well as he can recollect – thence through the town of Suffolk, to a place called the burnt Mills, about 15 or 20 miles from Portsmouth where they were encamped about ten weeks as well as he recollects, at which time the British had possession of Portsmouth – he was not in any engagement or battle, but he remembers that they were marched seven Sundays [could be Mondays]² mornings in succession towards Portsmouth, sometimes within two miles of Portsmouth for the purpose of bringing on a battle, or to see, if they could, what the enemy intended doing. When they left the Burnt Mills (so-called from the circumstance of the same having been some months before burnt by the enemy) they were marched to Babb's old fields, not more than two or three miles from the said Burnt Mills, where they remained until they were discharged. Affiant then obtained a discharge from his Captain, but he has not now got it, nor does he know what has become of it, but he supposes he did not take any care of it, as he did not consider it of any service after his

¹ Basdal

² sundays

return to his family. Affiant belonged to the Militia and was drafted. Affiant served two months at another time afterward. On the day on which his company was to leave and did leave his County, he set out to carry a horse to General __ Lawson [Robert Lawson] who was on the other side of James River between of Richmond and Williamsburg. General Lawson had gone from Prince Edward County and his horse had made his escape, and affiant took the horse back. After he took the horse to General Lawson, he served with Captain Mackey's company, at Mobbin's old fields until Captain Fuqua [perhaps Captain Joseph Fuqua] from his County (to which company affiant belonged) with his company (to which company affiant belonged) reached that place; he, affiant, could have marched with Captain Fuqua's if he had not taken General Lawson's force, after Captain Fuqua arrived, he, said affiant, served with his own company. In this last service of affiant Richardson and Dicks were Colonel and Richardson was Colonel Comdt. From Mobbin's old fields affiant was marched about from place to place, frequently in the night and sometimes nearly all night for the purpose of assisting to keep Cornwallis within certain bounds and to prevent depredations in the surrounding country. Affiant does not know at what time his last service (which was of two months duration) commenced, but it expired two weeks before Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] – he obtained his second discharge below Williamsburg, on the Friday two weeks before Cornwallis surrendered, but this discharge was not preserved and is not now in the possession of affiant, nor does he know or believe that it can't be found, nor has he ever seen it, sent shortly after he obtained it – his 1st term of service was about twelve months before the last – he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service – He states that he is known in his neighborhood by Honorable Gabriel Moon [could be Gabriel Moore], Colonel Samuel Walker, John Moseley, Esq. – [indecipherable word or words]³ Atkins and indeed by all his neighbors, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War – that he now resides in Madison County in the State of Alabama about 16 miles from Huntsville.

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 in the Being in.

S/ L. Sullivan



[Joseph Holloway, a clergyman, and John Mosley and William Atkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

³ *John Mosley*