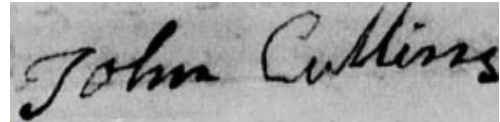


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Cullins R2562 Jane Cullins VA
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To the Honourable the Senate & House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

[8 Jan 1834] Your Memorialist John Cullins of Muskingum County Ohio respectfully represents that in the month of August 1777 your memorialist, then a resident of Hampshire County Virginia volunteered under Captain William Foreman at said Hampshire County & marched to Pittsburgh & joined the troops then under the command of General [Edward] Hand. Then by order of Gen. Hand your memorialist with said Company marched to Wheeling & was placed under the command of General Shepherd [Col. David Shepherd]. After performing duty at Wheeling a few weeks, your memorialist was one of a party of forty six men on a Scouting party under command of Captain Foreman & some other officers, marched to the Fort on Grave Creek [at present Moundsville WV] & on their return were attacked by a party of Indians, by whom the greater part of the party were cut off, and in this action your memorialist was wounded by a ball which broke his right leg in such a manner that he has never since that time recovered the full use of it; That in consequence of said wound your memorialist has been lame from that time has suffered severe pains in his limb & has been wholly unable to pursue any laborious occupation Your memorialist further represents that he is in the seventy sixth year of his age, that he is in needy circumstances and requires the assistance of his Country. He therefore prays that by a special act of Congress some provision may be made for his relief – & your petitioner will ever pray &c



The State of Ohio } Before me John J. Putnam an acting Justice of the Peace of said County
Athens County } Personally appeared before me Catharine Pettitt who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that she was acquainted with John Cullins and some time in the last of September in 1777 or 1778 said John Cullins Belonged to the Company of William Foreman and sd Company was stationed at Wheeling Va and said Cullins was wounded by the Indians that is they broke his leg and s'd. Catharine Pettitt attended to him by giving him victuals at that time and further this deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of December A.D. 1830
Catharine herCmark Pettitt

[6 Jan 1831] Before me James Reeve a Justice of the Peace for Wayne Township Muskingum County State of Ohio, Personally appeared John Green [probably pension application W4216], who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he is acquainted with John Cullins Sn that he the sd Green was at Wheeling in the year 1777 at the time when the Cullins was wounded that the said Cullins was a vollenteer under Captain Foreman and joined the Rigement under General Hand who was Stationed at Wheelen at that tim that abought the 27th of Septem'r of the same year the said Cullins being on a scout commanded by the said Cpt'n Foreman was attacked by the Indians at the narows of Grave Creek and ware defeated in which Ingagement the said Cullins was wounded by a shot which broke his leg that he the said Green arived at the Battel Grownnd the next morning after the Ingagement where they ware burying the dead that he enquired if their was no one left to give an account of the Battle that he was informed that their was one man on the hill that was wounded and was alive and had been their all Night which man proved to be this said John Cullins Sn that he was convayed to wheeling and that he the sd Green took him from Wheeling to Pittburg in his Boat after his leg was broken; and further this deponent saith not
[signed] John Green snr

Feb'y 4, 1833

It is hereby certified, That John Cullins a soldier, in the Company, commanded by Captain Foreman, in the Indian Warr [sic] is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service of the United States, and in the line of his duty Viz by receiving a musket or Rifle ball in his leg, which broke the same. By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears that on the 28th day of September in the year 1777 being engaged in battle with the enemy at or near a place called grave Creek in the state of virginia, he received a musket or a rifle ball in his Right leg by which fractured both bones obliquely seperating the principle neves and some of the muscles, the union of the fracture was bad, producing permanent lameness and total disability and he is thereby, not only incapaciated for military duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is totally disabled from obtaining his subsistance from manual labour

[signed] Robt. Mitchell D W Rhodes

Zanesville Ohio Jan'y 8th 1834

Having been called upon by John Cullins to examine his disability

Do hereby certify that he appears to have been injured by a Gun shot wound in the right leg, the ball having entered from the outside three or four inches above the ancle joint fracturing both bones, the tibia obliquely upwards & passing out on the inner side 3 or 4 inches above its entrance thereby carrying away the principal blood vessels & nerves, the bones having united with a considerable projection of the tibia crookedness, & about one inch shortening of the limb. I further am of opinion that the above disability as stated has existed since he received the wound & so great as to have prevented his obtaining his support by bodily labour & therefore total. When the wound was received the limb must have been in a state of flexion

D. W Rhodes Surgeon & Physician

State of Ohio Muskingum County [9 Jan 1834]

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace of Wayne Township in the aforesaid County John Green Sen'r who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is acquaint with John Cullins your Pettioner that the first of our acquaintance was in the year 1777 in the month of September of s'd year at which time I was assending the Ohio in a boat of which I had the Command we stoped at the Narows of Grave Creek on the Ohio the day after the Indians had surprised a Company of volenteers commanded by Cpt'n Wm Furman which Company was nearly all slain their com'dr amoungst the rest in which Engaigement the s'd John Cullins was wounded and one of his legs was broken and had lain all Night under a log on the hill he was brought down and put on board of my boat in which I convaied him the s'd Cullins to Pittsburg and further the Deponent saith not

[signed] John Green sen

The State of Ohio } Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for the county
Muskingum County } aforesaid John Cullins who being duly sworn as the law directs, do depose & say that he whilst engaged in a battle with the Indians on the 28 of September 1777 at a place called the Narrows of grave creek, in the state of virginia under the command of Capt'n. Foreman, he had his leg broke by a musket or Rifle ball, which wound disables him from manual labour Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of February 1833

[signed] John Cullins

[In the file is a printed copy of a report from the House of Representatives Committee on Invalid Pensions, which summarizes the statement above and adds the following:]

Doctor Robert Mitchell, a member of Congress, of this committee, certifies that he considers the disability total. He describes the wound as in the foregoing certificate of Rhodes. And now the question to be decided is, whether or not the proof of service, and the infliction of the wound, while in service, is satisfactory or not. It appears that nearly all the persons engaged in the battle were killed, which might account for the fact, that no testimony is adduced to prove that the wound was actually received in the service, besides the statement of the memorialist, and the rumor of the day. Nothing is said on the subject

of the application being so long postponed, nor why it has not been made at the Pensioning Department. On a view of the whole case, the committee are of opinion that the prayer of the memorialist should be granted, and that eight dollars per month should be allowed him, commencing on the 1st January, 1834. Doctor Mitchell, of the committee, certifies that the memorialist, and his witnesses are highly credible. They report a bill.

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Hampshire County]

To the hon'ble the speaker and members of the Gen'l. Assembly of Virginia.

The Petition of John Cullins humbly sheweth That in the year 1777 your Petitioner was ordered out in the Militia of this Commonwealth to the frontier garrisons on the River OHio, in order to defend the settlers & inhabitants from the inroads & depredations of the Savages. That on the 27th day of Septem'r. in the same year in and engagement with the Indians he was badly wounded and had his leg broke by a bullet. That for some time afterwards his Wounds apparently healed up, and he was enabled to labour & support his family, but of late years his wounds have broke out again and have become exceedingly troublesome, so that he is no longer able to perform Labour or provide for his Family, which places him under the disagreeable necessity of Petitioning your Hon'ble house for some relief, humbly trusting that the Legislature of Virginia will never scorn the prayer of an Old Soldier, and will make such provision for him as they in their Wisdom may deem just & right, at the same time assuring your hon'ble house that he has never rec'd. any Compensation whatever for his services – And your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c.

John Cullins

Hampshire County Virg'a/ 1st Novem'r. 1798

[The following is extremely faint.]

I do hereby certify in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven the first of august I was [undeciphered word] as Lieutenant under the command of Capt. William [undeciphered] in order to defend the [one or two undeciphered words] and garisons upon the ohio, Caled [undeciphered word], against the savages the twenty seventh Day of September we took a scout down to grave creek made a discovery [several undeciphered words] several of our men among whom was John Cullins who Received a ball in his right Leg which broke it he [undeciphered word] to make his Escape [two or three undeciphered words] and my self being in company found Cullins [the rest undecipherable]
Given from under my hand this 14 Day of august 1897 Anthony Miller

Dec'r 7th 98 Claims/ Reasonable/ Reported

[The following are from [state pension records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I certify that An act has passed the present General Assembly entitled "An Act concerning John Cullins" whereby he is allowed forty dollars for his present Relief, and a pension of forty dollars a year

John Stewart C.R./ Jan'y 22 1799

Rec'd a Warrant for forty Dollars for the present relief of Jno Cullins
22^d Jan'y 99

John Snyder

Know all men by these presents that I John Cullins of the County of Hampshire & Common Wealth of Virginia do by these presents nominate constitute and appoint General James Wood of the City of Richmond my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my behalf, to apply to the Auditor of Public Accounts for the Common Wealth, and receive from him a pension Warrant, pursuant to an act of Assembly passed at the Last Session entitled "An Act concerning John Cullins" hereby giving and granting unto the said James Wood Esq full power to act and do herein for me in the same manner, as if I were personally present. hereby ratifying & confirming whatsoever he may do herein. In Witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 26th day of June AD 1799.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Cullins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line under the first letter of the first name.

[The state pension file contains powers of attorney similar to the above, granted annually up to 15 Sep 1837. Many of the powers of attorney specify that the pension was granted by Virginia “for a wound I received in an expedition in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred & seventy seven.” Until 9 Jan 1809 Cullins listed his residence as Hampshire County VA, and afterwards as Muskingum County. Cullins signed the final power of attorney with his mark, and an accompanying document stated that “from old age and infirmities [he] has been deprived of the power of writing his name as usual.”

NOTE: On 4 Feb 1839 Jane Cullins, 77, of Muskingum County OH, applied for a pension stating that she married John Cullins in 1783 or 1784, and he died on 15 Sep 1837. On 7 Dec 1838 Sarah Parker of Hampshire County, 72, widow of Benjamin Parker, stated that she was present at the marriage of John Cullins and Jane Beatty, daughter of George Beatty, which was officiated by Rev. Job Parker. Henry Cullins certified the death of John Cullins. Her application was rejected because John Cullins served less than six months.