

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrus Mullins R7484

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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.]

State, Territory or District of the County of Russell and State of Virginia

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1835 personally appeared Ambrus Mullins before me the undersigned a Resident and Justice of the peace in and for the County of Russell and State, Territory or District of Virginia the aged Ambrus Mullins being 84 years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the seventh 1832; that he was drafted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780; he states that in consequence of old age and the subsequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the name of the Regiment to which he belonged but he was drafted in Franklin County State of Virginia in the militia in the Spring of 1780 and was entered as such; he states he was a very poor man and had a wife and two children who could not support themselves without his assistance and he substituted one Ning [sic, ?] Prater and paid him for his service for the three months who was received and served his time; he states he was then again drafted in the fall of 1780; his wife being in a helpless situation he could not well leave her and he substituted one John Jordan and paid him to serve the three months tour and did accordingly which took nearly everything he had to support [?] to pay his substitutes; he states that he was again drafted about the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of May in the year 1781 and entered the service of the United States and served in the militia under the following named officers, to wit: as he before stated he cannot recollect the name of the Regiment nor of the Colonel but served under General Green [sic, Nathaniel Greene], Major Charles Rose, Captain Thomas Henderson, Lieutenant Matthew Samuel [?]; [he was] drafted in Franklin County State of Virginia marched from Franklin to Henry County through Salisbury town and Camden South Carolina to a place called Ninety Six; there was stationed 18 days every day or night had some small scrimmage with the British; we took their spring and kept it 3 days; the British [were] reinforced and we had to retreat over Broad River to the Eutaw Springs and there we had a severe Battle [September 8, 1781] with the British; a great many killed and many wounded on both sides; in a short time after the aforesaid Battle, we had parted and a part of the Army which the aforesaid Mullins was in were marched to the cross roads; then was stationed there; with many other circumstances which occurred in his service too tedious to mention and not well enough recollected as it has been a great while ago since and all statements have to be made with precision and upon oath; he does not wish to state more than what he can precisely recollect; he states that he served his three months and about 21 days as near as he can recollect or in no wise less than the aforesaid time; applied for a discharge and the officer who he applied to did not give it to him but replied his time was out and he could go when he pleased; he left the service in September; does not recollect the day of the month in the year 1781 and returned home to his family; he states he served with an embodied corps called on by competent authority; he hired two substitutes

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<sup>1</sup> The papers belonging to his veteran have somehow been posted in Fold3.com in the file for James Mullings R7488.

who served three months each and served three months 21 days himself; makes nine months & 21 days and for such service he claims a pension as he is now old, frail and helpless and unable to maintain himself by his labor and hath not where with provided for his subsistence in this life only that provided by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832; he therefore prays an assistance from and under that law; he also states that in consequence of old age and his helpless situation and the long distance he resides from the court house in Russell County, he is unable to attend the court; he therefore makes this his declaration before a Justice of the peace of said County; and he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or if any only that of the agency of the state of Virginia.

S/ Ambrus Mullins



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Ruben Steele, J. P. RC

I Ruben Steele a Justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid do hereby declare my opinion that the aforesaid applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

S/Reuben Steele, J. P.

The following interrogatories were this day put to the applicant before the Justice of the peace:

1 question: where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Franklin County State of Virginia in the year 1751 [? date written over] to the best of my recollection & information.

2 question: have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer: I have none nor never had any

3 question: where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Franklin County Virginia when called into service I then moved to Greene River South Carolina then to North Carolina then to Russell County State of Virginia and am now living in the same

4 question: how were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer: I was drafted three times but I hired a three months and I served for three months and 21 days.

5 question: state the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect.

Answer: Greene, Major Charles Rose, Captain Thomas Henderson, Lieutenant Matthew Samuel [?] were with the militia the Continental Regiment I have forgotten and the name of the Regiment to which I belonged and the general circumstances of my service is as I before stated in the declaration.

Question: did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I did not; I applied for one never got it but served out my time and 21 days longer

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer: Richard Stanley of Scott County can testify because he saw me in the service and served with me; James Mullins, David and R. Steele clergyman, Joseph Short, Bucker Mullins, Isaac Hall Sr. [Reuben Steele, a clergyman, and James Mullins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

NB The declarant states on oath that in the time of his alleged service which he himself served he was not engaged in any civil pursuit of any kind nor followed any other business of any kind save that of the service of the United States that he was either in the field or stationed in Garrison marching during his alleged service.

State of Virginia Scott County Sct.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1835 Personally appeared Richard Stanley<sup>2</sup> before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with Ambrus Mullins who has subscribed and sworn to the aforesaid declaration that he was drafted 2 or 3 times and entered the service himself in May 1781 and served under the aforesaid officers, that I believe him to be 84 years of age that he went with me to Ninety Six and there stationed and served out his tower [tour] and some days longer, left the service in the fall of 1781 served with an [indecipherable word] Corps called on by competent authority and served accordingly I therefore do not hesitate to say from my acquaintance with [him] as a man and as a soldier that he was a soldier of the revolution and served as he states.

S/ Richard Stanley

*What he was -  
Richard Stanley*

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<sup>2</sup> [Richard Stanley R10050](#)