

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mullens (Mullins) R7489

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The State of Alabama Franklin County

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1842 personally appeared before me John T Richeson – one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County William Mullens a Citizen of the State and County above now near eighty years of age 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<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he enlisted in the service of the United States for six months and guarded Laughlands fort at the Elk Garden on the frontier part of Washington County and State of Virginia and served under Captain John Kincade and was paid of time Monthly wagers [sic] by the same Captain when my term of six months Expired or afterwards the Second Tower [tour] of Duty I Substituted in the place of Samuel Prust [?] who was drafted and ordered out to serve six months against the Cherokee Indians. I William Mullens served that six months fully out under Captain Thomas Price and was discharged by him in return to Washington County Virginia after some time had elapsed I volunteered to go to the South against the British and near the time to start the Indians took a family of seven children and the mother this changed my route Captain Richard Thompson called on me to pursue those Indians and accordingly I went out and served forty days Captain Richard Thompson was ordered this expedition by Colonel Andrew Cowen [Andrew Cowan] who had the Command of the Militia in Washington County at that time this term of forty days service I believe was rendered in 1780. Shortly after my return to Washington County from the tower of Duty Colonel Cowen saw proper to send orders to this same William Mullens and by this written orders I was bound to range through the wilderness down a watercourse called Sandy at that time I then entered into that tower of Duty which was to make diligent search for the sign of the hostile Indians and chose one man to range with me which was Captain Richard Thompson – this man and myself was kept in actual service that summer season out to little cold weather came on by this order we were admitted to be at home but to be ready at a minute's warning therefore I kept my arms and all other necessary aquiptments [sic] ready to start at a moment's warning until the Leaves put out the next spring when this order about me to start out again and when a second order came to hand I chose Alexander Mcforlen [Alexander McFarland?] to go me then started out through the same part of this wilderness country and continued actual service until permitted to come in the fall when we returned home and as above I kept myself in readiness until spring as above then was again ordered out to serve the summer season through and under orders of this same instruction I continued to serve year after year for some years after peace was ratified with Britain in 1783 that he further states that he has no Documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the Service which I rendered and that the Discharges which I received is lost or so mislaid so that I cannot present them to the Honorable Department

he further states that he moved from Washington County Virginia to Powell's Valley from there to Wayne County Kentucky from there to Madison County Alabama and from there to where I now live, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

The State of Alabama Franklin County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace William Mullins who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his Recollection I served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: and the reason why I have not made application for a pension earlier is for want of understanding and for want of a proper form by which I could have a Declaration made out to present to the Honorable Department until the present time.

Date	Years	Months	Weeks	Days	Officer	Private
		6	0	0	Capt. Kincade	private
		6	0	0	Capt. Price	private
1780		0	0	40	Capt. Thompson	private
	2	0	0	0	Colonel Cowen	a spye [sic]
1783	3	0		40		

And for the Services above set forth which I rendered I claim a pension 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 any agency of any State whatever.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Mullins, X his mark

[James Smith, a clergyman, and Abner Tackitt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]