

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pohon R8298

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State of Kentucky Bullitt County: Sct.

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Bullitt County in the State of Kentucky William Pohon resident of Bullitt County in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-five years ^(now about 81) who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the Revolutionary War for eighteen months under Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Campbell who lived on Holston [River] in the State of Virginia and was Sent under Sergeant John Griffin (of the United States Army as he was informed) to Hillsborough in North Carolina & placed under Captain Lapsley's Company (of which __ Long was Lieutenant) in the Battalion commanded by Major Riddle & Regiment then commanded by Colonel Samuel Hawes – an officer by the name of Russell was adjutant of said Regiment. From Hillsboro the Army marched to Charlestown [Charleston] South Carolina and afterwards we marched to Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina and then we were all commanded by General Nathanael Greene where we had a Battle [March 15, 1781] with the British under Lord Cornwallis at which Battle General Nathanael Greene commanded the American forces. After the Battle we marched & lay siege to a place called 96 [May-June 1781] in Carolina – from there we marched & lay siege to Camden in South Carolina. From that place we marched to the Eutaw Springs and had a Battle [September 8, 1781] with the enemy in which Battle Colonel Washington [William Washington] commander of the Light Horse was taken prisoner – after that Battle we continued near the lines of the enemy for some time and were then marched to Salisbury (in South Carolina [sic, North Carolina]) – He served out the Term for which he entered the service but was detained 2 months longer in service owing as he was informed to the necessity of keeping up the Army until they could be regularly relieved. He was discharged from the Service in Salisbury aforesaid but he does not now recollect the name of the officer who signed it because he lost his discharge many years ago. He states that he was born in the City of London in Great Britain on the first day of September 1757 and came to America when he was 18 years old. He entered the service on Holston in Virginia in the year 1780 as well as he recollects. Owing to the great lapse of time and the loss of his discharge he does not recollect the day or month in which he entered the Service. He is now old & infirm and his memory has in a great measure left him, and he can now only detail the principal Circumstances of his service, but he is positive he served one year & 8 months.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year before written.

S/ Wm Pohon



[Henry F. Kalfus and Henry Small gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Bullitt County: Sct.

On this 10 day of June 1839 personally appeared before the Justices of the Bullet County Court in the State of Kentucky being a Court of record, William Pohon a resident of said County & State aged 82 years the one September next, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 – That in the fall of the year 1780 he believes it was that year, he then lived in Holston Virginia – He there went to Colonel Arthur Campbell of said County & state & joined the Army of the Revolution and at the request of said Campbell he enlisted and attached himself to the Army of the Revolution for eighteen months and Colonel Campbell had a company of men raised for the Army and he was placed under one Sergeant John Griffin of the Army and sent with him to the main Army at Hillsboro in North Carolina there he was placed in Captain Lapsly Company, of which __Long was Lieutenant under Major Riddle – and in the Regiment then commanded by Colonel Samuel Hawes – a Gentleman by the name of Russell was adjutant to the Regiment – from Hillsboro he was marched (Major Riddle commanded I think) through a part of Virginia and crossed the River Dan and then we went to Guilford Court house in North Carolina, all now under the command of General Nathanael Greene, here we had a battle with the British under Lord Cornwallis, Green commanding the American forces – After this we marched with the main Army to and laid siege to Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], South Carolina – afterwards went & laid siege to a place called 96 – then went to the Eutaw Springs where we had a battle with the British & here he learned Colonel William Washington commander of the Light Horse was taken prisoner by the British – After this Battle we continued near the lines of the enemy for some time, and finally we were marched to Sallsberry South Carolina [Salisbury North Carolina] – at this place his Term of Service expired – and he was detained in Service, as he was informed to keep up the American Army until it could be regularly relieved, for two months, after the termination of his 18 months Service. He received his discharge at Salisbury aforesaid and from his age and infirmity of recollection, he cannot state the name of the Officer who signed it, having long since lost it. He states he did serve under General Greene, Riddle &c as aforesaid the full and term of 18 months in hard Service in the said Revolutionary War – and also the two months as aforesaid – and that during that time his officers were as aforesaid – but he cannot positively state how long he served under each respective Officer – He was in the Service at the places aforesaid & served under the Commanders at those places as aforesaid faithfully – He says he was born in the City of London Great Britain on the one September 1757 and came to the United States of America when he was 18 years old. He states he might perhaps name more of the particulars of the Battles &c that the places aforesaid – but he hopes he has detailed sufficiently the time of his Entering Service, when, where & under whom, and the places where, when & under whom he was commanded at the Battles &c for his Country as aforesaid. He states he once before made an application to the War Department for a Pension and has learned that for some Cause he was not then placed on the Roll as a pensioner and his case suspended in some way – He now most solemnly [indecipherable word or words] on oath that he did faithfully serve in the Army of the American Revolutionary War as aforesaid the said 18 months entered & 2 months aforesaid under said General Nathanael Greene &c as aforesaid – and he respectfully invites the Department to again review his claim and place him on the payroll of Pensioners. He says he is poor, and feeble, and stands in actual need of the aid of his Government for services faithfully

served or he would not asked their friendly aid. He states he is known to Henry Small, James Samuels, Jacob Miller, & others of his neighbors who will state as to his veracity &c. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court

S/ William Pohon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Pohon". The signature is written in black ink on a light background.

[Henry Small, Jacob Miller & James Samuels gave the standard supporting affidavit.]