

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Pollard R8305

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State of Kentucky Henry County: SS

On this 5 day of November 1849 personally appeared in open Court now sitting Elijah Pollard a resident of Henry County and State of Kentucky aged 84 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 the 7th of June 1832.

He states & declares that being a Resident of the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia he was in the month of April 1782 drafted into the service of the United States as a soldier for the term of six months under Captain William Dawson and was immediately mustered into service under said Captain at the Courthouse of Lunenburg County and there rendezvoused under Colonel Christopher Roberson and marched with said Company to where the British lay near Norfolk and there remained with his said company until his time of service expired. He then got a discharge & went home after going through many fatigues & Hardships. He states that he has no documentary Evidence of his service nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove them. 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.

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Lunenburg County in the State of Virginia on the 4th day of May 1765 according to my information.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I did have a Record of my age but it has been lost for many years.

3rd 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 Lunenburg County in the State of Virginia when I was called into service and lived there about 8 years after the war I then moved to Madison County Kentucky and lived in that County about 5 years I then moved to Shelby County Kentucky and lived there about 32 years I then moved to Henry County Kentucky where I have lived in have ever since I left Shelby County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted into the service

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. My memory has greatly failed me but I recollect to have often seen General Washington Captain Scott since Governor of Kentucky also Colonel Robertson & Peter Francisco who was aid to Washington or acted in some such capacity I have also seen General Green while I was in service.

6th 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 have a discharge it was given to me by Captain Dowson [sic] but it has been lost for many years.

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I [text written over and illegible] Michael Baker & Thomas [last name written over and illegible]

S/ Elijah Pollard, X his mark

[Michael Baker, a clergyman, and Thomas B Posey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]