

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pollet (Pollett) R8306

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District of Virginia Sct.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 before the court of the County of Caroline now sitting – personally appeared John Pollet of said County aged sixty-two years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said Pollet enlisted as he thinks in the year 1777 with Captain Stevens of the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Stevens [Edward Stevens]. That he continued in the service of the United States three years when he was discharged at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania by Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] who then commanded – that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777]. That he has lost his discharge. That he is reduced in his circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn & declared before the court the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Pollet, X his mark

District of Virginia, SS

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1819 before the agent of the court of Caroline County for the said district, personally appeared John Pollett aged 62 years, resident in said County in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said John Pollet enlisted for the term of one year on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1777 in said County in the State aforesaid in the [text obliterated by an ink blot] Captain Stevens of the Regiment [text obliterated by an ink blot] Stevens in the line of the said State [text obliterated by ink blot] of the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the [text obliterated by an ink blot] of the United States, 3 years [text obliterated by an any blot] discharge from service at Valley Forge state of [text obliterated by an ink blot] that he was in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown

And that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the year aforesaid.

S/ John Pollet, X his mark

Schedule

Declaration, in order to be continued on the pension List under the act of May first 1820, County of Caroline, SS

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1826, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid John Pollett resident in said County aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first May 1820: that he the said John Pollett enlisted for the term of 3 years on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1777 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Stevens in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Stevens in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps for three years when he was discharged from the service, in Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name has been based on the pension list; that the number of his pension Certificate is \_\_ and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property because he knew not of the provisions of the act of Congress requiring a list of property until lately. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That, since the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property:

Description of property on the 18 <sup>th</sup> March 1818	Names of person to whom disposed of	Time of Sale	Amount of money or description of property received in return
170 acres of land in Caroline County to Negroes 3 or 4 head of cattle 2 horses 10 hogs 2 beds 6 chairs one table plates dishes &c	Sold land to Thomas H Minor, one Negro sold under by Sheriff horse sold to Major Thornley cattle – two dead other not sold – one horse sold by Sheriff – hogs not sold, beds not sold chairs plates dishes &c not sold	Land in August 1825 Negro 8 January 1825 by Sheriff to Major Thornley February 1824 horse 8 January 1825	Land \$500 – Negro sold by Sheriff \$30 – to Major Thornley \$150 horse \$43.96 cents.

Statement of monies paid away since the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, and the nature & origin of the debt.

Bond given to Parmenas Prtichett \$91 being due to him of Henry Goodloes estate of which I was also a legatee.

Bond due to Lewis Stevens \$35.54 given for: in the year 1822.

Bond due to Thomas McKinney \$105 given for a horse which is since dead, bond given in 1820

Bond to Thomas B. Coleman for \$268.72, 1825 for a debt due to him as executor of Henry Goodloe of hoses state I was a legatee.

Note purchased of my father in law, Henry Goodloe on or about the year 1806 one hundred eighty acres of land at \$20 per acre and at his death in 1822, a balance was due which was paid to Thomas B Coleman executor in 1825 of \$368.72

A bond due to William Red & Co. by my son to whom I was security & which I had to pay to the stiff amounting to \$73.96 on the 8 January 1825 – Paid to John Dickinson for corn for my family \$60 in 1824.

S/ John Pollett

and at this time I possess the following property Schedule of property owned by John Pollett in the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1826 – 80 acres of poor land one old horse, to head of cattle, one bed, one old wheat fan , one plow & gear, 15 hogs, one table, half a dozen chairs, one pot, one skillet, half a dozen spoons, half a dozen knives & forks – I am a farmer by trade my family consist of my wife aged 62 years 2 daughters one aged 26 and one aged 20, one son age 22 not able or bound to contribute to my support & myself unable to work.

S/ John Pollett

[On January 28, 1828, in Woodford County Kentucky, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Kentucky agency describing himself as formerly a member of the company commanded by Captain Ritchard Stevens [Richard Stevens]; he gives as his reason for moving to Kentucky were "to better enable him to obtain the necessities of life for himself an aged wife and two singled daughters and to be convenient to a son to whom he looks for support in his decline of life."]

[f p. 16: Power of attorney dated March 5, 1853 given by Henry G Pollett of Franklin County Kentucky who describes himself as one of the children of John Pollett deceased whereby he authorizes his attorney to seek on his behalf the arrears of pay or pension or bounty land due on account of the service of his father in the revolutionary war.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry G Pollett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[f p. 20: On March 5, 1853 in Franklin County Kentucky Henry G Pollett gave testimony that he was 55 years old; that he is one of the children of John and Frances Pollett; that his father died in Woodford County Kentucky June 21, 1834; that his mother Francis survived until her death in Woodford County Kentucky on the \_\_day of April 1835 not having remarried; that the following are all the children of his parents:

1. John who was in the Virginia Militia War of 1812 and died in Norfolk Virginia never having been married
2. George
3. Henry G
4. Elizabeth
5. Frances who is dead never having married
6. Sarah wife of James Scarce
7. Robert V.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 11, 1818, for service as a

private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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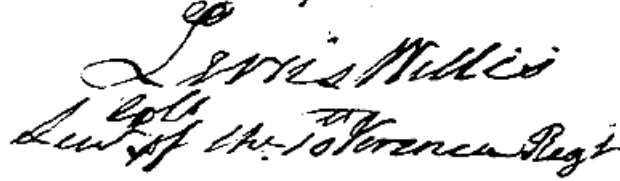
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that John Pollett served three years as a Soldier in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment during the American Revolution.

Witness my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> July 1809

S/ Lewis Willis

Lieutenant Colonel of the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment



*Lewis Willis*  
*Lt Col of the 10th Virginia Regt*

[on the same piece of paper]

I do certify that John Wright served three years as a Soldier in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment during the American Revolution. Witness my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> of July 1809.

S/ Lewis Willis

Lieutenant Colonel of the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment