

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Pope R8324

f13NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

9/13/09: rev'd 2/7/18

[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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 2]

Declaration of Moring Pullin & Rhoda Pope -- children & Heirs at law of Arter or Arthur Pope

Personally appeared Moring Pullin aged 45 [could be 65] & Rhoda Pope 45 years in open court & made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Pension Laws of the Congress of the United States -- they swear that they are the surviving children of Arter or Arthur Pope -- who was a revolutionary Soldier -- who served a Tour of nine months -- as they are informed -- They cannot state anything more than they have heard him say -- he served in the South -- He was married many years ago to Priscilla Wells [?],¹ who died more than 20 years since -- Their father died in November 1841 -- without having received a Pension. He often spoke of applying & even engaged a man to attend to it -- that he neglected to do so & their father lived many miles from the Court House -- they have heard him say he served three [indecipherable word or words] & was in service nine months or more. They refer to the proofs as to his service & of their being his heirs.

The Parties Moring Pullen & Rhoda Pope swear to the foregoing in open court

S/ J. T. Marriott, Clk

S/ Moring Pullen

S/ Rhoda Pope

Moring Pullen
Rhoda Pope

John Pullin maketh oath that he is 68 years of age -- that he lived near Arthur Pope during his life -- that he was quite an old & respectable man -- that he has often heard said Pope speak of being in the revolutionary war & of his services and affiant has no doubt from his character & from what he said he did serve in the revolution. He also knew Mrs. Pope during her life -- she died many years since Arthur Pope died as affiant is informed & believes -- November 1841 -- he knows he died about that time -- That he knew Moring Pullin before her marriage -- he also knows Rhoda Pope -- they are the Daughters of Arthur Pope & the only living children that he

¹ *Priscilla Wells*

knows of.

John Pullen the witness swore to the foregoing in open court
S/ J. T. Marriott, Clk.

[p 4: Elijah Todd, 59, gave a deposition similar to that given by John Pullin.]

[p 9: Certificate from the North Carolina Comptroller stating that records in his office show payments made to an 'A. Pope' for military service amounting to £15.1.6 as recorded in book G, page 12.]

[p 12: Jesse Green² of Johnston County gave a deposition (which is largely illegible) in which he appears to state that he knew Arthur Pope for the revolution; that he saw him in actual service in Wilmington North Carolina though he cannot recall the company in which Pope served; that they lived in the same neighborhood; that affiant heard Pope speak of being in service he thinks he spoke particularly of being at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]; that he heard of Pope's death he thinks about 3 years ago. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

² [Jesse Green W11084](#)