

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Drury Pulliam R8515

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State of Virginia Henry County to wit

On this 14th day of September 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Henry County now sitting Drury Pulliam a resident of the County of Henry aforesaid aged about eighty years who being first 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein after stated: That he immediately after the commencement of the Revolutionary War he marched as first Lieutenant of a company of minute men commanded by Captain William Wash from the County of Louisa his then place of residence and served for six months in the said company principally as well as he now recollects in the Counties of Caroline, Louisa, Gloucester and Powhatan. From his extreme age and loss of memory he is unable to state whether he volunteered or was drafted. After the close of this service he removed to the County of Pittsylvania in Virginia and the Tories being numerous and troublesome he volunteered to assist in suppressing them – marched into North Carolina through Rockingham to Guilford and thence to the Yadkin [River] being employed as well as he now recollects about three weeks. After his return he again volunteered in the same service against the Tories on Sandy River in his own County and assisted in taking six Tories – he was engaged in this service about one week. He states that in the year 1780 he was appointed a Lieutenant on the recommendation of the County Court of Pittsylvania in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Smith and commissioned by Mr. Jefferson [Thomas Jefferson] then Governor of Virginia which commission marked a is hereto attached and made a part of this declaration. Shortly after having qualified to his commission he was regularly called into service in the said company and marched as first Lieutenant thereof to meet the enemy then approaching through the Carolinas and was in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. He was also in a slight engagement at Whitesalls Mills [Whitesell's Mill, Wetzell's Mill, Weitzel's Mill, Wetazll's Mill, March 6, 1781]. He states that he served in this tour 3 months. He recollects General Green [Nathanael Greene] and Colonel Campbell of the Regular line and Major Williams of the Militia, After his return home being again drafted as will [as] he now recollects he marched as a first Lieutenant to Little York continued in Service for three months and was at the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He states that from his extreme old age and loss of memory he is unable with any certainty to recollect the dates. He states that he is very deaf and poor and has been for some years on the parish in his County.

He states that he was born in the County of Louisa the time not recollected, that he has no register of his age. He lived in the said County of Louisa until his removal to the County of Pittsylvania which was not long before he received his commission. That he continued to reside

in the last named County until about six years since when he removed to the County of Henry where he has continued to reside ever since.

He states that when appointed a Lieutenant in Louisa & during his first tour before described he had no commission having been elected by the Company which served as a volunteer Corps. He states that he is acquainted with Benjamin Watkins Esquire and others of the County of Pittsylvania with John Lane Esquire, John Faris, Peter Griggs, Cornelius Keaton & others of the County of Henry and the Honorable N. H. Claiborne of the County of Franklin. He does not now know of any person by whom he can prove his service but will institute an inquiry for that purpose.

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 or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.



[Charles Boothe and William Davis, a Baptist minister, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 7: On June 12, 1854 in Henry County Virginia, William Pulliam, 70, administrator of the estate of Drury Pulliam filed a claim stating that his father's application for a pension was suspended for further proof; that his father died June 1, 1843 in Henry County Virginia leaving the following children surviving him viz.: Drury, John, Ann Grant, George, Lucy, & William and that William & Lucy are still living. He signed this document with his mark.]

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