

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Pulliam R8517

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State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 4th day of July, 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Joseph Pulliam, a resident of the said County and State, 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 June 7th 1832:

That in the early part of the year 1781 he was drafted as a soldier in the Militia under Captain John Chow for three months and joined the main Army at a place called Hanover Town – He marched from Spotsylvania County, where he was drafted – The officers commanding on this occasion were Major P. Stubblefield, Colonel Meriwether, and General Stevens [Edward Stevens] – He was honorably discharged in King William County, after he served three months, and received a written discharge, which he has lost or mislaid – That in the latter part of September, or first of October, 1781, he was drafted again as a soldier of the Militia from Spotsylvania County, for the term of three months, under Captain Henry Stubblefield, marched to Fredericksburg, where he remained until after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and thence guarded prisoners to a place called Alam Springs, and thence to Winchester. He served on this occasion three months, and received in Fredericksburg an Honorable discharge – about the 25th of December 1781 – by command of General Lawson [Robert Lawson], not in writing – He thinks he served altogether 6 months, and claims a Pension for that length of time – He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know at this time of any person alive who can testify to his service – If James Sandridge, David Sandridge, John Holloday and Stephen Holloday¹ were alive, they could prove my services. There is no clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood. 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 – the reason he has not claimed a pension heretofore is this: that he came from a distant County, and has understood, his old fellow soldiers from Spotsylvania were did, and his inability to go about to procure testimony, of which he has no doubt he could procure, if able to travel. He therefore refers to the public Records in support of his claim, and to his neighbors for his general good character.

Attest: S/ John Hill

S/ Joseph Pulliam, X his mark

[John Berkly gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Fact: The file contains a letter dated May 12, 1853 addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions

¹ Stephen Holliday (Holladay) FPA S15495 claimed to have served under Capt. Henry Stubblefield while living in Spotsylvania County Virginia

from Rawlins Pulliam in which the correspondent refers to Joseph Pulliam as his father. He inquires as to the status of his father's claim, his father having died before his pension application could be ruled upon. The letter was sent from Charlotte County Virginia.]