

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Pulliam R8518

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State of Virginia Halifax County: SS

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Charles D Taylor a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid Joseph Pulliam a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina aged 73 years who first being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated –.

That in the year 1779 or 1780 he believes as well as he can recollect he was drafted in the militia; and entered the militia service under the command of Captain William Torry marched from Halifax County & State of Virginia crossing the North River at Bonds Ferry & from thence to Petersburg and was discharged of a tour of three months. That in the year 1781 there was a proclamation that everyone that would volunteer and served six weeks should have a discharge for a tour of duty for three months – That I volunteered and marched under Captain Bird Wall crossing the Haw River at the Hyrock [High Rock] Ford to Guilford and was in that battle [March 15, 1781] and fired 6 rounds and retreated to the Iron works on troublesome Creek and from there to Ramsey's Mills on deep River and was dismissed from the Army and received his discharge from Colonel Nathaniel Cocks after he returned home for a tour of 3 months. That he claims 6 months of his service as a soldier of the revolution. That he was living in Halifax County when called into service and after the close of the revolutionary war he removed to Person County and remained there 2 years & removed to Caswell County in North Carolina and have lived in the same ever since. That he knows of no person near him to prove his services except Lewis Parrott<sup>1</sup> and Francis Brandon<sup>2</sup> That he has no documentary evidence, that his received discharges is lost or destroyed – that he cannot procure the affidavits of a clergyman there being none convenient. That he was born in Lunenburg County & State of Virginia in the year 1759 August the 9<sup>th</sup> by his Father's register – that Francis Brandon, Alva Oliver, Lewis Parrott and William Brandon can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services in the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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. That the reason of taking his declaration in Virginia he lives on the line & the magistrate was more convenient to him and also to his agent.

S/ Joseph Pulliam, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> [Lewis Parrott S45897](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Francis Brandon R1156](#)

[Francis Brandon & Alva Oliver gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

Francis Brandon & Lewis Parrott, residents of Halifax County & State aforesaid, personally appeared before me Charles D Taylor a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid and made oath that in the year 1781 Joseph Pulliam served a tour in the militia service under the command of Captain Bird Wall at Guilford and was in the engagement near Guilford Courthouse. Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833.

S/ Chas. D. Taylor, JP