

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Flower Mullins S1557

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State of Tennessee, Hawkins County} August Term 1832

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County Flower Mullins a resident Citizen of said County aged seventy-three 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States about the first week in May in the year 1777 or 1778 or 1779 in County of Guilford North Carolina the County of his residence and served three months and marched near Camden in South Carolina. This service was in the militia under George Pearce & Major Thomas Owens the Corps Joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] near Camden and after the three months ended he was discharged by George Pearce and returned home but the discharge is lost. In about three weeks after his return home he entered the service again as a Substitute for Major Owens' brother Glen Owens who was drafted under Captain George Pearce, Col. Tenon or Tinnan [sic, Hugh Tinnen] and served as a substitute three months more General Butler [John Butler] then commanded and on that campaign was in the battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781], at Stono [June 20, 1779] and in several skirmishes about the Black Swamp and Camden and was discharged by Captain Pearce again by written discharge.

He further states that he enlisted in Guilford County North Carolina after he had served the two tours of duty before spoken of under Colonel Melvin and served in Captain Robert Herod's Company. The number of the Regiment not remembered he believes Count Rochambeau¹ commanded from Guilford they marched to Salisbury, from thence to Camden, thence to Augusta, thence to the Black Swamps, thence to Charleston where he was taken prisoner and carried to St. Montre [?] Island and was at St. John's [Island] exchanged and then came to Bacons Bridge South Carolina, where the troops lay for some time and then we went to the Black Swamp and then lay a considerable time at New Providence, and from New Providence went to Augusta, from thence went to Golphin's [sic, Galphin's Mill] where they were stationed for some time. He was kept a [prisoner] after he was taken at Charleston about seven weeks and during that service was in the skirmishes at the Eutaw Springs, at the Eutaw Springs [sic], at the Black Swamps, at Charleston, where he was taken prisoner, at Moncks Corner, at Ninety Six and at Pine Tree, and at Savannah River.

1 This is pure speculation by me, but knowing that Rochambeau was not in the Carolinas at this time, my guess is that this is an erroneous reference to Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy), a French officer known to be in North Carolina around the time discussed by this applicant.

He was wounded on the front of the left leg at Stono River in South Carolina and he served two years and three months in the Regular service and was discharged and his discharge signed by a French Captain whose name not now remembered.

His father's house was burned after the war and all his discharges in it which is the reason he cannot produce them.

He was born in Guilford County and has lived in Hawkins County about thirty years last past.

He has no witnesses to prove his services except the affidavits of [sic] hereto annexed of —.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State. That there is not any resident minister in his vicinity and he has not any documentary evidence to prove his Service as below stated. He further states that he was in the regular Service commanded by Captain George Pearce, John Davis, Jacob Williams, Melvin and others and was under the command of General Lincoln, Marion, Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Greene but he does not know the number of the Regiment as he has forgotten those.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 29th day of August 1832.

S/ W. B. Mitchell, Clerk

S/ Flower Mullins, X his mark

[Samuel Morelock gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County

On this 20th day of May 1833 personally appeared before me John Peoples – one of the Justices of the peace for said County David Bragg² aged 74 years a Citizen of said County and after being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he knew Flower Mullins (An applicant for a pension from Hawkins County) whilst he said Mullins was in the Service in the revolutionary war and remembers seeing him at Sullivan County (now Tennessee) they then marched under Colonel Isaac Shelby to Burke Court House North Carolina thence to Camden thence to the high hills of Santee where General Greene's Army lay thence to General Marion and served with him till the end of the Campaign under the command of General Marion but how long he served in the war this deponent cannot say but believes he served a considerable length of time and this deponent is not able to go to court to give his deposition.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of May 1833.

S/ John Peoples, JP

S/ David Bragg, X his mark

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Also personally appeared before me Benjamin Birdwell³ a citizen of said County and after being duly sworn according to law made oath that he is acquainted with Flower Mullins of Hawkins County and that he knew him during the revolutionary war and he knew and Saw said Mullins in the service during the revolutionary war at the places named in David Bragg's deposition above stated under the command of General Marion and has often since called with said Mullins and believes he served a considerable length of time during the War but this deponent does not know how long he served in the war.

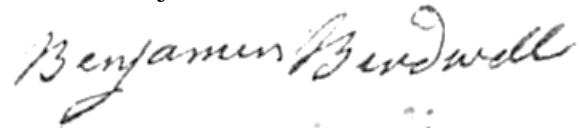
Sworn to and Subscribed before me this day of May 1833.

2 [David Bragg R1144](#)

3 [Benjamin Birdwell W218](#)

S/ John People, JP

S/ Benjamin Birdwell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Birdwell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ Benjamin Birdwell".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private or 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]