

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Pullen S16512

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State of Georgia Greene County – On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid Robert Pullen a resident of the County of Greene & State of Georgia, aged seventy-six years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of the State of Virginia to the best of his recollection about the middle of February 1781. That he was drafted for six months, and served in a company commanded by Captain William Beavers 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant John Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wm M. Lelan, the company to which he belonged was attached to a Regiment of Militia commanded by Colonel John Alexander & Major Jacob Reid. He states that immediately after he was drafted he was marched from Loudon [Loudoun] Court House in Virginia to the Head Quarters of the of [sic] General Lafayette's Army that he was at that time in the County of Henrico about five miles from the city of Richmond, he further states that immediately on his Regiment joining the American Army they were attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Dabney and Major Quarles Continental officers, and Colonel Alexander & Major Reid returned home.

He further states that immediately after he joined the American Army General Lafayette & his Army was pursued by the British under Cornwallis through Henrico, Hanover & into New Kent, he (Cornwallis) then quit the pursuit & marched his Army to James Town, we followed him, to that place, – General Wayne with a part of the American Army was detached & gave the British battle at James Town, – He further states that he was in this engagement. Lord Cornwallis after this engagement took shipping with his Army & went off, he was met at the mouth of the River by the French fleet and drove back to little York.

This deponent further states that shortly after this engagement they were marched to Little York where the main American Army had convened & lay siege to the British under Cornwallis, deponent further states that he was discharged from the service a short time before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] the precise time he does not recollect, but believes it to have been about the first of October 1781.

This Deponent further states that he resided in the County of Loudoun & State of Virginia at the time that he entered the service. – He further states that he is very old & infirm & that his recollection of most of the events that occurred during service, has pretty much failed, but that he is confident of having served something like seven months in the aforesaid tour of service. This Deponent further states that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify of his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robt Pullen



Test

S/ Vincent Sanford, Clerk

Questions by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Has heard – (by the applicant) I was born in the County of Middlesex & State of New Jersey in the year 1756.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have my Father's Record of my age.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – I was living with my Father in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia when I entered the service; I resided in Virginia until the fall of 1791, I then removed to the State of Georgia, where I have resided ever since – I now reside in Greene County Georgia where I have lived ever since I have moved to the State.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I was drafted

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I have seen & been with General G Washington, Lafayette, Greene, Wayne, Steuben, Scott of the Continental Army – & have served with the following Militia officers Colonel Alexander, Colonel Skipwith, Major Reid.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I have received a discharge from the service, but it has long since been lost or mislaid.

Test:

S/ Robt Pullen

S/ Vincent Sanford, Clerk

[Joel P. Leverett, a clergyman, and Edward H Wingfield gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Greene County: Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County aforesaid Robert Pullen who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below (viz.) I served as a private in the Militia of Virginia from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1781 without any intermission until the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781 a period of seven months & twenty-two days & for such service I claim a pension. Deponent further states that in the absence of documentary evidence, & the testimony of persons that were acquainted with his services during the Revolutionary War it is impossible for him to give a more correct detail than the one he has before given.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1833

S/ Robert Pullen

S/ A. Hutchinson, JIC GC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 22 days in the Virginia militia.]