

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Purcell (Pursell, Pursly, Pusley)<sup>1</sup> S19046 f46VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 12/9/12

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[f p. 5]

District of Columbia Washington County to wit

Personally appeared in open Court on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1846 before the Orphan's Court of said County and D. C., the same being a court of record Elizabeth a resident of said County of Washington & D. C. formerly a resident of Westmoreland County, Virginia, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension that was due her deceased husband at the time of his death under the act of 15<sup>th</sup> May 1826, by the Congress of the United States after having been first duly sworn according to law, says that her deceased husband John Purcell was a regular soldier in Lee's Legion of Cavalry in the war of the Revolution on Continental establishment that he entered the Service some time previous to the close of the Revolution under a contract with the Government to serve to the end of the war & that he did continue in Service to the termination of said war in compliance with his said Contract & that he received his bounty land warrant from the United States which he sold to a William B Harrison cornet in said Legion that he became acquainted with while in service as he informed her & after the close of the Revolution returned home to Prince William County Virginia & then removed to Westmoreland County where he married her in the year 1816, his second wife who was Elizabeth Carter he died on 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1838 in said County of Westmoreland Virginia.

She further states that some years before his death he placed his claim for a pension in the hands of an agent but that he neglected it. She claims the pension that was due her said husband under the act 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828.

S/ Elizabeth personnel, X her mark

[f p. 4]

Land warrant No. 13.978 4 100 acres was issued April 18, 1794 to Wm B. Harrison, assignees of John Purcell who was a private of Lee's Legion Virginia Continental Line –Rev war – April 4 acreage of warrant endorsed on warrant & delivered to Fant & Co

[f p. 7: marriage bond issued in Westmoreland County Virginia August 31, 1816 to John Pursley and John Carter conditioned upon the marriage of John Pursley to Elizabeth Carter.]

[f p. 9: On February 27, 1860 in Alexandria County Virginia, Randolph C. Pursel [sic] made application for bounty land stating that he was born January 3, 1835; that he is the son of John

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<sup>1</sup> All the following appears on the cover sheet of this file: BLWt12453-100-1794; BLWt13978-100 Issued Apr. 18, 1794, No Papers; BLWt354-60-55; "second wife, Elizabeth Carter"

Pursel deceased who was a private in Lee's Legion in the revolutionary war; that his mother the wife of John Pursel, died in Alexandria Virginia in the year 1850; that he is the only child now living of his parents who was under 21 years of age on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1855. He signed his application with his mark.]

[f p. 11: On February 27, 1860 in Alexandria County Virginia, Julia Gray, 29, filed an affidavit stating that she is the sister of Randolph C Purcell. She signed her affidavit with her mark. Her husband John R. Grey, 27, also gave a supporting affidavit.

*John R. Grey* ]

[f. p. 17: On April 12, 1847 in Washington County District of Columbia Oliver E Perry Hazard gave testimony that he was acquainted with John Purcell of Westmoreland County Virginia before his death and was always considered a soldier in Lee's Legion of the revolution; that he, affiant, commanded a company as Captain in Westmoreland County and that the veteran's sons (not named) mustered in the affiant's company.

*Oliver E. Perry Hazard* ]

[Veteran's widow was awarded a pension at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1826 to 15 August 1838 when he died; the pension was issued for his service as a private for two years in the Continental Army.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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