

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Paulling S21407

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State of South Carolina Orangeburg District: SS

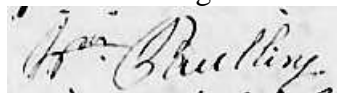
On the 17th day of October 1832, Personally appeared in open Court before Joseph J Evans Presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting, William Paulling a resident of St. Mathews Parish in Orangeburg District & State aforesaid aged Sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted the 12th May 1781, in St. Mathews Parish in Captain Reids [William Reid's] Company in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Myddleton [Charles Starke Myddelton], South Carolina Troops, for ten months. The applicant belonged to the Cavalry and was sent up the country and was at the Junipper [Juniper Springs, June 18, 1781] on the road from Granby to 96 [Ninety Six District], where the Americans were defeated by the British. There they dispersed & he fell in with General Green [Nathanael Greene] on Broad River & went on to the Cross Roads on the Road towards Charlotte in North Carolina & General Green continued on to North Carolina. From thence they came down under command of Colonel Hampton [Wade Hampton] between the Broad & Saluda Rivers & stopped at East Granby opposite the British Fort. They camped for some time on the Congaree River below Granby. Then they swam the river & went on down the Country by Orangeburg which had surrendered to the Americans from thence they went on to Biggin Church & there they were cooking when the British Cavalry sallied from the Church which had facines [fences] all around it, but were driven back by their Cavalry. The Applicant was engaged in the charge which drove them back into the Church. That night [July 16, 1781] the British set the Church afire with all their Stores & decamped. General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] who commanded pursued them down past Quinby Bridge which the British Crossed & they had to go round some miles; when they overtook the British they were protected by houses & fences. The infantry made an unsuccessful attack [probably Shubrick's Plantation, July 17, 1781] upon the Houses, but were compelled to retreat. From there the [they] went to Pinckney's Ferry on Santee [River] above Nelson's ferry where they crossed the River by swimming. They then camped for two weeks on the East side of the River at the Haw-old-fields, not far from Scott's Lake. They then swam the River again at Nelson's ferry below, they then marched up the west side of Santee to the Congarees by Fort Motte & swam the Congaree at Pinckney's Plantation & Again below Granby. From thence they marched down & nothing particular occurred until the battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] on the 8th day of September 1781, after that there was much marching & countermarching in the lower part of this State, until they were finally encamped at Orangeburg C. H. There the infantry remained & the cavalry went again down the country to Jacksonborough & he was present when the Legislature set [sat] there as a bodyguard. The British left the country soon after in December [1782], & they returned again to Orangeburg Village where they remained until they were discharged in March 1782

[1783], & the applicant received his discharge from Col. Myddleton which he now has at home and will enclose in this document. He was born in this State near Georgetown. He has the record of his age in his Bible at home. He was born the 23rd of July 1765: & was living in St. Mathews Parish aforesaid when he entered the Service, & has lived there ever since. He enlisted – never acted as a substitute. He charged at the battle of the Eutaw under Colonel Hampton & Major Rutherford [James Rutherford], who was killed. He was not wounded. His Captain¹ did not lead the charge of his company. He was with the infantry. Lieut. Mis Campbell commanded the company that day. General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] Troop, & General Marion's, with General Green's were there, all under the command of General Green. He salt Colonel Washington [William Washington] when he was thrown on his back & his horse fell on him across his leg so that he could not get up & he was taken prisoner, as the Cavalry could not stop to relieve him; and that Joseph Winningham & Colonel R. P. McCord all persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J Winningham, Clerk

S/ Wm Paulling



[Joseph Winningham, a clergyman, and R. P. McCord gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition "The said Joseph Winningham² for himself states that he knew Mr. Paulling very well during the Revolutionary war, that he himself belonged to the Infantry, though he enlisted for the Cavalry but for want of arms he acted as Infantry. Though they belonged to the same company they were still often separated. Otherwise he could answer for the truth of the whole statement of Mr. Paulling above written. He knows that he served the times stated. They were both at the battle of Eutaw: and took nearly all the same marches together. He means that he himself acted as infantry & Mr. Paulling as Cavalry."



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"This is to Certify that William Paulling has served the term of ten months and discharged his duty as a good & faithful Soldier in the 2nd Regt. of State Troops Gen. Sumter's Brigade and is discharged regularly.

17th August 1782

S/ Charles Myddelton, LC
2nd Regt. S. Troops"

¹ I think the veteran was under Capt. John Reed at this time and not Capt. William Reid. John Reed was serving under Wade Hampton at Eutaw Springs. William Reid was still under Myddleton at Eutaw Springs.

² [Joseph Winningham S9531](#)

This is to Certify that William Paulling has served the term of ten Months and discharged his duty as a good & faithful Soldier in the 2^d Regt of State Troops for 6 months and is discharged regularly
CHAS. H. WILSON, Lt
17th August 1782 *2^d Regt. S. Troops*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the cavalry of the South Carolina State Troops.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to William Paulling AA16
 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5765
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[Note: With the one exception as transcribed below, this file contains only documents relating to the supply of provisions during the war by a William Paulling who was deceased by 1785. That document reads as follows:

Please deliver the Indent of William Paulling deceased to John Bostick for duty done in the service &

S/ Thomas Nicholls Esquire
 Treasurer at Columbia

You'l oblige Your Humble Servant
 S/ W. Paulling
 Sun [Son] of the Dec'd
 Wm Paulling
 Oct'r 6th 1790

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Thomas Nicholls Esq
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Wm Paulling
Sun of the Dec'd
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In addition there are several documents in the file signed on behalf of the estate by Mary Palling as executrix

Mary Palling
 Exec^x

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.