

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gabrel (Gabriel) Mullins S30608

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State of Kentucky and Pendleton County Sct.

On this 4th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pendleton now sitting, Gabriel Mullins a resident of the County of Pendleton and State of Kentucky aged 75 years and within a few weeks of 76 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 June 7th, 1832.

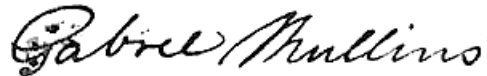
That he was drafted as a minute man in the militia of Virginia and entered into the service of the United States as a minute man some time in the years of 1776 or 1777 the year not now recollected and served as a private until the close of the revolutionary war. That is to say he served by holding himself in readiness to march at a moments warning and did March as often as he was called on so to do while in actual Service he was generally engaged in marching from one place to another say to any place that it was supposed that the enemy would attempt to surprise the Citizens within the State of Virginia. And when it was supposed that the danger was over he was dismissed to return home and remained until again called for which sometimes happened in 3 or 4 days and sometimes not sooner than one or two months he was however seldom permitted to remain at home more than one month. He does not recollect that he was stationed at any place more than a few days except that he was stationed at the Barracks near Charlottesville Virginia (near which he was then living) for the purpose of guarding some prisoners that was kept there said to have been taken with Burgoyne to the North of that place. He was engaged in guarding said prisoners during their stay at the Barracks by guarding them one month and remaining at home one month (by way of relief) but was sometimes called on to march and did march to other places during his relief month he marched to meet and did meet and assist in guarding said prisoners to the Barracks when they came there and when they left that place he assisted in guarding them out of the County of Albemarle Virginia. He was called out in the spring of 1781 when General Washing [Sic George Washington] was making arrangements to invest Lord Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] at Little York in Virginia and marched under the command of Captain Hamler [? this may be a mistaken attempt to identify Captain Nicholas Hamner]¹ as my Captain and Colonel Lindsey [probably Reuben Lindsay] destined for Little York Virginia but when they were in a short distance (say 20 or 30 miles) of Little York there came an express giving information that Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] was likely to get at some arms which he thinks was at a place called Westham a short distance above Richmond and destroyed them and do other mischief. There was one Captain ordered to proceed to the place and secure the arms Captain

¹ *Captain Hamner*

Hamler his Captain and his company by order proceeded to the place where the arms was and remove them 70 or 80 miles up James River to a merchant mill called he thinks Weairs Mills [sic, Ware's Mill?] and put the arms in the mill when he and the company was dismissed to go home and to guard the prisoners which he continued to do until the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace [October 19, 1781] and until the prisoners was removed from the Barracks and then guarded them out of the County of Albemarle Virginia. He was not in any battle during his service. He does not recollect the number of the Regiment to which he belonged but recollects that he entered the service under the command of Captain James Garland, Lieutenant __ Wheeler [perhaps Micajah Wheeler] and Ensign Thomas Gath. He served at different times under other company officers but cannot recollect all of their names but he does recollect the names of Ensign __ Wheeler brother of the Lieutenant of the same name and Lieutenants William Jarman and Peter Derett and Captain Benjamin Wheeler, __ Nelson, __ Tompson, __ Hamler, Bazee Brown, John Thomas, and William Dolton. He recollects that he was at one time under the command of one Major Martin no other Major now recollected; His Colonels who at different times commanded him was Colonels John Lindsey and __ Taylor [Francis Taylor], said Taylor did most if not all the time command him at the Barracks. He does not recollect that he was at any time attached to the command of any General officer but supposes that his Colonel received orders from some of the many Generals that was in Virginia at that time. He does recollect to have heard of Generals Ennis, Muhlenberg, Stevens and many others of the State of Virginia but never saw them that he knows of. He has seen General Washington, Steuben, and Lafayette and supposes that the troops to which he belonged must have received their orders sometimes from Lafayette, Steuben and the Governor of the State of Virginia but does not know as he was seldom in company with a large Army. He was born on the 22nd of March 1758 in the County of Albemarle Virginia and lived in said County and State until 5 or 6 years after the close of the revolutionary war when he removed to Madison County State of Kentucky and resided there 7 or 8 years where he has ever since resided say 30 or 35 years. He was a minute man and held himself ready at a moments warning five years or more not less than five years and performed military duty in actual service three years or more in guarding the prisoners and marching to the different places to which he was ordered by his officers. He does not recollect that he ever received a discharge in writing but believes that he was generally discharged or dismissed by word-of-mouth by his Captain for the time being. There was a record of his age in an old family Bible but it has within a few years been destroyed about his house and there now exist no record of his age that he knows of but he has a perfect recollection of his age from so often having seen it in the Bible until it was destroyed. He has no documentary evidence of his services except his certificate of oath of allegiance here with forted and does not know of any living person by whom he can prove all or any part of his services except Humphrey Beckett whom he is informed made application for a pension in the State of Virginia and has lately as a citizen of Kentucky been admitted on the pension roll to be paid in Kentucky. The said Beckett he has been informed is somewhere in the State of Ohio and it is extremely doubtful whether his evidence can be had as this applicant and the said Beckett is extremely old and infirm he does however believe that the said Beckett would recollect having seen him in the service of the United States at one or more times unless his memory has failed him but cannot by any means that he now knows of procure his said Beckett's evidence and have made this application without it. He refers to Andrew M. Keith a clergyman and George McLaughlin and Braston Pollard for his character and report of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 whatever.

S/ Gabrel Mullins



[Andrew M Keith, George McLaughlin, and Braxton Pollard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Pendleton County: Sct.

I Humphrey Beckett seventy-six years old now a resident of Pickaway County and State of Ohio being called on by Gabriel Mullins to state what I know of his Services as a Revolutionary Soldier the said Gabriel Mullins being present and now here and I having heard read to meet the declaration of said Mullins made before the County Court of Pendleton on the 4th day of March 1833,

Do certify that I became acquainted with said Gabriel Mullins in the year 1779 or 1780 (the exact year not now recollected) the said Mullins was at that time living in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia and during the year 1780 the said Mullins and myself was attached to the same company of militia and during that year we in company served three tours of duty of I think two months each the first was guarding prisoners of war at the Barracks spoken of by said Mullins and under the command of Captain Thompson and the second was the tour spoken of by said Mullins when Captain Hamler was attached to go and remove some arms which was at Westham a short distance above Richmond Virginia and we did remove them up James River and deposited them in Weairs Mill when we was dismissed to go home. And the third tour was at the Barracks guarding the military stores which was there this time we were only a Sergeant's guard by order of Captain Thompson. I further certify that I have been acquainted with said Mullins ever since the year 1780 and have always believed him to be a man of honesty and truth and have always understood from him that he commenced service at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and am prepared to believe any statement of his services which he would make on oath bearing the inaccuracies which might be made in consequence of his loss of memory which I perceive to have failed very much within a few years so much so that I have been able to remind him of some services that he had forgot and of some officers who he had forgot and I do not believe at this time that he can detail with certainty all the incidents of his services nor the exact periods or length of the different tours but that he can only give the general outlines and fix upon a time that he is certain of being within the time. Given under my hand this 14th day of August 1833

S/ Humphrey Beckett, X his mark

State of Kentucky Pendleton County SCt.

Personally appeared before me W. H. S. Drake the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pendleton for the purpose of amending a declaration for pension made in open court before the County Court of Pendleton on the 4th day of March 1833 which said declaration was not forwarded but detained in order to procure the deposition of Humphrey Beckett who being by me first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by reason of old age (he being 76 years of age) and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service in the Revolutionary Army but according to the best of his recollection (having seen and conversed with Humphrey Beckett his old fellow soldier) he served not less than the periods mentioned below and the capacity of a private soldier all the

time. For the year 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781 and 1782 six months each year making in all three years and under the command of the officers spoken of in his declaration of the 4th day of March 1833 contained in the sheets of paper tied together with thread and having the certificate of the then clerk of the County Court of Pendleton and County seal there to his services was performed much in the manner they are spoken of except he has been enabled to recollect by conversations with the aforesaid Beckett that he served at the Barracks guarding military stores say arms, provisions &c and sometimes taking care of the public horses. And for such service 3 years as a private in the Revolutionary Army he claims a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 and refers to the deposition of the aforesaid Humphrey Beckett for evidence that he was in the service and to the certificate attached to his former declaration for the necessary traditional evidence of his service as the best evidence he can procure. Sworn to by the aforesaid Gabriel Mullins as being true to the best of his recollection before me as Justice of the Peace as aforesaid. Given under my hand this 14th day of August 1833.

S/ W. H. S. Drake, JPPC

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Albemarle County
I DO hereby certify, that *Gabriel Mullins* hath taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity, as directed by an act of General Assembly intituled An act to oblige the free male inhabitants of this state above a certain age to give assurance of allegiance to the same, and for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal, this *Seventeenth* day of *September 1778*

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