

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Matthew Mullins S31271

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State of Kentucky }

Madison county } Sct.

On this 13th day of August, 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful, the county Court of Madison, now sitting Matthew Mullins, a resident of Madison county in the State of Kentucky, aged 68 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He was drafted into the militia service in the year 1780 [sic] – the time he cannot state, under Capt. John Harris, Lieut. James Jones, I think Maj. McIlhany [probably McIlhaney], Col Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson], I think I was under Gen. Stueban [sic: Baron von Steuben]. He rendezvoused below Charlottesville, at Sneed's, marched from there to Richmond, from there to the Maupin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], from there to Jamestown, where we were attacked by the British [6 July 1781]; from there we went to Williamsburg and thence to Little York and back to the half-way-house [between Yorktown and Hampton], and thence to Richmond with some prisoners of war, where we were discharged. I received a discharge for this tour signed by Col. Holt Richardson. He cannot recollect the time when he was discharged. In a very short time after his discharge he was again drafted into the service under Capt. Hunt, Maj. Dabney, Col. James Innis [sic: James Innes], & Maj. Gen. Lafayette commanded. He again rendezvoused at Sneed's, below Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville], marched to Richmond, from there on a scouting expedition and tore up and destroyed the bridges on Chickahominy river, during which time there was some skirmishing with the British, from thence we returned to Albemarle county; to intercept the British and keep them from taking the goods belonging to the American troops, stationed at the Pinta Fork of James River [sic: Point of Forks where the James and Rivanna rivers join], near Albemarle old court house, and from thence we were marched to Louisa county, Va. where Gen. Demarcas [sic: de Marquis, a common name for Marquis de Lafayette] commanded and received a discharge, which he thinks was signed by Col. Ennis but he does not know when it was, but thinks it was in the winter 1780-'81 [sic]. He was again drafted into the service in April or May 1781 and he thinks for six months, under Capt. John Miller, Col. Reuben Lindsay, and again rendezvoused at Sneed's near Charlottesville, marched from there to Richmond, from there to Williamsburgh, where all the Virginia Militia rendezvoused, and from there to the Siege of York, under Gen [Thomas] Nelson, and there remained in service until several days after the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and was then discharged, and received a discharge signed by Col. Reuben Lindsay. He resided in Albermarle county Virginia when he entered the service at each of his tours, Gen. [Anthony] Wayne of the continental line was with the troops in his second tour. He joined us at West Ham on James River [sic: Westham 7 mi NW of Richmond, mid-June 1781]; Col. [Alexander] Dick and Maj. Boice [sic: William Boyce] was with us part of this time. He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service except Joseph Watson [pension application S31455], William Johnson [R5650] and Isam Lane [Isham Lane S13705]. He was born the 17th June 1764, in Albermarle county, Virginia. He has no record of his age, but recollects the time of his birth as stated by his parents. He resided in Albermarle county, Va. when called into the service. He continued to reside at the same place till 1794, when he removed to Madison county, State of Kentucky, where he now resides. He has lost all his discharges. 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. Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace for said county, Matthew Mullins, 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, and in the following grades. For one year I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension. Given under my hand this 23rd day of November 1832.
Henry B Hawkins JP.MC.

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate states that Mullins died on 6 Dec 1835.