

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pullin S3750

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: SS

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Anderson, William Edwards, & John L. Swoney [?] Esquires the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County of Sumner now sitting John Pullen a resident of Sumner County aged about sixty-seven years no register of his age it being destroyed a great many years ago – 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was born in the state of Virginia and lived in the County of Bedford at the time he was drafted as one of the militia to serve a three months tower [tour] – which was I think in the spring of 1781 – I was called out under Captain Benjamin Rice. This Company was called out from the County of Bedford to guard the magazine at New London. I went on in my said Company to New London and there served out my three months tower – This was after the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] which was fought in the same year. After my time expired as aforesaid I was by my Captain Rice discharged – shortly after I was discharged the enemy headed by Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] was making from North Carolina into Virginia – and I was called out by Colonel James Calloway to head Tarlton – either Benjamin Rice or John Trigg was my Captain this service was for no particular length of time – we marched from Bedford County into Campbell County Virginia and there encamped – and set out spies to intercept the enemy which was after the battle of Guilford. The enemy did not as was anticipated march to New London to destroy the magazine. We were then marched back by Colonel Calloway to Bedford and discharged by him which service lasted something like one month – Directly [?] after my last discharged [sic] I was again drafted in Bedford County – under Captain John Trigg – and our company was attached [to] Colonel William Trigg's Regiment we then marched to Petersburg – and from thence to [indecipherable word or words]<sup>1</sup> opposite James Town and there was declared in order to obtain provisions, and from there to Williamsburg – and from that to Little York – and our Company with the others belonging to Colonel Trigg's Regiment were placed under the regular officers and our Colonel went home – I was with my Company – placed to digging entrenchments – investing Little York – we continued the siege till the surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] which was about the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781 – I was drafted in this service for three months shortly after the surrender of Corn Wallis my time of service expired and I was

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discharged by whom it was signed I do not recollect – which is lost – I lived in Bedford after the revolution upwards of ten [?] years and moved to Kentucky & lived there twelve or thirteen or fourteen years and have resided in Tennessee County of Sumner ever since. – I have no documentary evidence or [nor] does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. –

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.

Sworn to in open Court August 17<sup>th</sup> 1832

Test: S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ John Pullin, X his mark

[Thomas S Smith & George H Jefferson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The amended declaration of John Pullin in order to obtain a pension. He here states that his services in the revolutionary war as detailed particularly in his original Declaration was at least seven months as a private for which he claims a pension. He here states that he is known by George Jefferson, Thomas S Smith and Peter Fuqua a clergyman in his neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to in open Court May 13, 1833

S/ John Pullin, X his mark

[Peter Fuqua, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]