

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Sullivan S4025

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State of Tennessee White County:

On this 16th day of November in the year 1833 personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the peace for White County & State aforesaid George Sullivan aged seventy-three years resident citizen of said County of White 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the war of the revolution in the County of York in the State of Pennsylvania in the month of March 1779 as he now recollects the dates. He states he volunteered. They were not in regular company. They got and authority from Col. [?] Elevyn [?] or Elvin to draw provisions at Carlisle in the State of Pennsylvania which enable them to draw provisions at the military stores until they got to head quarters. They from head quarters at a River called as he thinks Rarriton [Raritan River] in what was called the Jerseys. He states he there joined a company commanded by Captain __ Douglas, Colonel Miller commanded the Regiment. States he cannot recollect the names of the other officers in his company marched to the North River above the City of New York, don't recollect of passing through any town before he got to the North River. The Army in which he marched was called the Pennsylvania Brigade and was commanded by General Wayne. The point on the North River at which they stopped was called West Point. When he entered the Service he understood it was for a tour of three months but he states he was out not less than four months. He received a discharge as he recollects from Colonel Miller at a place called the Highlands of York – in the neighborhood of West Point. He states that while on this tour he was frequently engaged in scouting parties. Some times as guard for wagons, while after provisions. He states that he was in no battle while performing this Tour of duty. After he was discharged he was employed by two officers & furnished a horse to accompany and assist them on their way to the South, went with them to South Carolina, most of the way by land & part of the way by water.

One of the officers was named Johnson & the other was a Frenchman & his name is not recollected. He states that as he recollects he left South Carolina in July 1780 and went to North Carolina, Stokes County, & there again entered the service of the United States.

He states that he hired himself as a substitute for one Andrew Robeson in the County of Surry now the County of Stokes in North Carolina in the month of August 1781. Rendezvoused at Richmond in said County of Surry in July but did not set out nor march until about the first of August. He states he joined a company commanded by Captain Minor Smith of the horse, Robert Majors was the Lieutenant, Ensign not recollected. One Colonel Smith commanded the Regiment of horse, and a man by the name of Grimes was Major. He states that he was a Sergeant in his company and served and acted as such.

He states he marched first to the Moravian Towns, from that place down to what was called the Hewway [sic, Uwharrie?] on the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River], from thence to Waccamaw lake, from thence to Drowning Creek, from thence to the mouth of Cape Fear [River] at a ferry. There was a little firing. The main British Army was on the opposite side of the River in Wilmington North Carolina. The American Army remained there for some time when the British Army left that quarter of the Country. The dragoons or horse to which he belonged were some engaged riding over the Country in pursuit of the Tories. He would state that one remarkable occurrence happened Captain Polk who commanded a company of horsemen killed four Tories himself with his sword. While riding through the Country they were one night fired on by some Tories, who upon being pursued instantly fled. They killed one next morning. During the time he was out Colonel Wade from South Carolina with a troop of horse from that state joined them – While at Cape Fear River General Rutherford lay on the opposite side of the River from the horse, that is the Wilmington side, He says that he was in no engagements while he was out except at Cape Fear. There were some British in a house on the South side of the River which the Americans fired on, but the forces to which he belonged could not take it the house was too well stockaded. They left it soon after. He states that he was discharged at a place called the Two Sisters not far from Wilmington. His discharge was signed by Colonel Smith. He was discharged a few days before Christmas. He states that he was out in the service about five months at this tour and he has stated the circumstances attending his service to the best of his recollection, he is old & infirm and his recollection is very defective. His service as a soldier of the revolution was closed. He states that there is no person living by whom he can prove his service or any portion of it. He states that he has been unable to make Sumner application he lives about 20 miles or upwards from the courthouse of this County. He has been and is yet wholly unable to get to court to make his declaration. He can only walk by the aid of crutches. He states that he is very poor & stands much in need of the aid of his country. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service. He mislaid or lost his discharges never supposing that they would be of any use.

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.

S/ George Sullivan



[Zachariah Kirkland & John Maynerd [Manard] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories prescribed by the department

Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Pennsylvania York County as to the year I cannot state only as I have learned my age & a count I am now seventy-three years old and I have no record of my age.

Where were you living when you were called into the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

I set out first from York County Pennsylvania since the revolution I have lived in North Carolina Stokes County being part of Surry County from that place I removed to Virginia, moved back to North Carolina, then removed to Tennessee, & I have lived in White County upwards of twenty [years?]

How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

I was in the first tour a volunteer, next I was a substitute [for] Andrew Robeson

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service

I knew Colonel Stewart of the regular Army in the North General Wayne Colonel Elwyn. In the South General Rutherford, & the officers I have before stated in my declaration & I cannot make a more minute detail that I have already made of my service.

Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become [of it]?

I received a discharge in the North from Colonel Miller & in the South Colonel Smith. They are both lost.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Zachariah Kirkland, John Ellison, James Ellison, John Dely, Abraham Ditty, Colonel Jon C. Due & many others

S/ George Sullivan

[[Henry Burton, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.23 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months & 15 days service as a private in the Pennsylvania and North Carolina militia.]