

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Mullins (Mullens) S4248

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State of Tennessee

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

On this 9th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful John B Armstrong, Samuel Phillips and John G Neill, Esquires Gentlemen Justices of the peace appointed to hold the court of pleas and quarter sessions of Bedford County now sitting Joseph Mullins a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged ninety-three years eight months and six days 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 June 1832: that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; to wit, that he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted Soldier in Halifax County in the State of Virginia some time about the first week in January 1781 and was placed in a company under the command of Captain Hezekiah Powell and was marched to Portsmouth where he was mustered into Service and placed in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Gaskins [Thomas Gaskins], under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] and was marched from Portsmouth to a Colonel Babbs in the State of Virginia but he does not recollect the name of the County where the American troops remained for some time when they were attacked by the British Army when a general Engagement took place, and the Americans under General Muhlenberg proved the Tory us, he says he was then marched back to Portsmouth and at that place his Captain took sick and died where he remained until his term of 3 months service expired when he was discharged by his Lieutenant in writing (which discharge accompanies this his declaration) Deponent further states that afterwards about the first week in July 1781 he was drafted again in the same County (Halifax) as a militia man and was placed in Captain Fleming Bateses [Fleming Bates'] Company under the command of Colonel John Rogers and a Major Boyce and was marched to Little York where he was mustered into the command of General George Washington where he says he continued until after the Siege of York [in did with it the surrender of Cornwallis on October 19, 1781] that he was in the Engagement when Wallace was taken and remained in Little York until something like 2 weeks after his term of three months service expired, with a view to perform another tour of duty in the character of a volunteer when his Captain who had agreed to go against the body of hostile Indians, he was told Creek Indians, but he is not certain; but was taken sick and ordered to be discharged which was accordingly done by his Captain on the 19th day of October 1781, making in the whole a term of service in all of six months and a half (his discharge was in writing and here accompanies this his declaration –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency of the United States.

Interrogatories by the Court

Int. 1st Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Prince Edward County in the State of Virginia on the 2nd day of March in the year 1739 as he was informed by his parents, to the best of his present recollection. –

Int. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it. –

Ans. I have no record of my age whatever. –

Int. 3rd Have you any discharge, and if so where is it.

Ans. I have two discharges here let them accompany my declaration.¹

Int. 4th Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live. –

Ans. I was a citizen of Halifax County in the state of Virginia, when I entered the Service of the United States; and remained so until many years after the close of the Revolutionary War when I moved to Henry County in said State and from that I moved to Pittsylvania County in the said State, and from thence to Grainger County in the State of Tennessee and from there to Jefferson County; and from there I removed to Bedford County in the last mentioned State where I now live.

Int. 5th How were you called into service were you drafted were you a volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom. –

Ans. I was a drafted soldier the whole time I was in service

Int. 6th 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.

Ans. I recollect General Muhlenberg at the Plymouth expedition, and General Washington at the Siege of York but do not recollect the names of any other Officers of the Regular Army: I do not recollect the number or names of any Regiments of militia or Continental whatever, and I believe I have given a history of the general circumstances of my Service as near as I can at this period. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their opinion of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. The Reverend William Martin, John Webb, Samuel Cox, – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jas. McKissick, Clk

S/ Joseph Mullins, X his mark

[William Martin, a clergyman, and John Webb and Samuel Cox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 ½ months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ the discharges referred to by the veteran are not found in this file