

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mosby Pulliam S5957

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State of Virginia Henrico County: SS

On this 3rd day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before John S Ellis, Samuel Pleasants, Jesse Snead & John Q Bowles Justices of the Court of Henrico County, now sitting, Mosby Pulliam, a resident of said County, and state aforesaid, aged sixty-eight years and about eight months, 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 the 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States when very young, at a little above the age of fifteen years, in the Militia in the early part of the year 1779, he recollects that he was not as old as the law required a man to be before he was compelled to serve in the Militia, but as men were scarce he was called on & challenged with being old enough to be enrolled, but although he was not, yet he was willing to be enrolled and was so enrolled and was immediately drafted and went into the service, he cannot be certain as to the month, and the day it is impossible for him to designate, he is confident though that it was early in the year above named. He then resided in the County of Henrico & state aforesaid, and has ever since, he cannot state the officers under whom he first served, he thinks Captain Prosser was the first, he certainly served how of under the following named officers, to wit; Captain Prosser, William Mosby, John Brooks, Samuel Price, William Price, John Price, Lieutenant Wood, & Colonels Selden, Marsdale, Pleasants, Innis & others not now recollected, and so continued to serve from time to time until the end of the war, making altogether more than two years actual service – for the last few months of his service he acted as orderly Sergeant. He cannot state the different periods & times when he was called into service & discharged, he is however certain that the time he was out of service board no comparison to that while he was in service, he was in no regular fall battles, he was in several skirmishes, one particularly recollected, on James River, below Richmond, where a British vessel got stuck in the mud, and was fired at frequently by a detachment to which he belonged then commanded by Lieutenant Wood, until they were driven away by the enemy's cannon shot. He marched through the lower Country in Virginia principally – several times from above Richmond to Williamsburg & back down James River; and thence across to Culpeper Church in Culpeper County – where he joined the troops under General Washington and marched with them under his Captain William Mosby to Yorktown & was at the siege of York & remained there until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and was afterwards in the service guarding prisoners &c. He never had a discharge in writing, all his discharges were by the word of mouth & frequently after he was discharged he was called in the service again in a week or less time – men were so scarce.

He submits the accompanying affidavits in support of his statements.

He declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state whatever.
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.



Obadiah Griffin¹ and Jesse Cornett,² being severally sworn to each of them state, that they have been long acquainted with Mosby Pulliam, whose declaration is on the other side of this paper, that they both personally know the fact that he was in the revolutionary war as a soldier, that they were both with him during part of their service in the same, and they both believe that he did serve as in his Declaration is declared.

Sworn to in open Court the day aforesaid.

S/ Obadiah Griffin, X his mark

S/ Jesse Cornett, X his mark

[Philip Courtney, a clergyman, and Samuel J Winston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia City of Richmond to wit:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Mayor of, and a Justice of the Peace, in and for said City, Mosby Pulliam, the declarer, in the foregoing Declaration named – 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 recollections he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; For 3 months, with Captain Thomas Prosser, – For 6 months with Captain William Mosby; for 3 months with Captain John Brooke; – for 3 months with Captain Samuel Price; for 6 months with Captain William Price; for 3 months with Captain John Price; for 3 months with Captain John Wood; and for 3 months with Captain Marsden, (Christian name not recollected) – and for the this time was performed as a private soldier, with the exception of 6 months at the end of the war – he served as an orderly Sergeant; – and for such service he the said Mosby Pulliam claims a pension.

S/ Mosby Pulliam

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service for 12 months.]

¹ FPA S8614

² FPA S9193