

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Daniel Cullen S9260

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State of Virginia & Hustings Court for the City of Richmond (towit) On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Hustings of the City of Richmond now sitting, Daniel Cullen a resident of the said City of Richmond in the Commonwealth of Virginia aged Seventy one 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 passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was born in the County of Caroline in afs. Virginia [two or three illegible words] 1761 & - entered the Service under the following named officers & served as herein stated — he entered the said service on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1780, as a part of the drafted Militia of the Commonwealth of Virginia & as a private in that service to march to the South & unite with the army then in that quarter under the command of General [Horatio] Gates - that his Captains name was James Johnson resident near him in the County of Caroline in Virginia & commanding in the Militia. The field officers of the Regiment with which he marched were Colonel Holt Richardson, who lived in the county of King William in the same Commonwealth; & Major Thomas Boyce [sic: William Boyce], whose residence he does not know never having seen him until he joined with his Company the Brigade of Militia commanded by General [Edward] Stevens; who commanded the Virginia Militia in the greater part, if not all of that Campaign. The said Daniel Cullen further makes oath, that he marched from Virginia under the command of General Stevens, & his Brigade joined the army of General Gates at Rudgely's [sic: Rugeley's] Mill in South Carolina & near to Camden, & the day after, the American Army marched on & met the British Army [16 Aug 1780], & the Battle of Camden was fought in which the American Army was beaten, & in that action the said Daniel Cullen saith he was; After this, the American Army retreated to great Pedee [sic: Great Pee Dee River] in South Carolina & there rallied, & from thence was marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina & from thence to Hamiltons Mill higher up in the Country, this was towards the fall of the year 1780. By leave from the Colonel of the Regiment, many of the men came home from Hamiltons Mill to get money & clothes & this Declarant among the number, & again joined the army at New Garden in South Carolina [sic: in present Greensboro NC], some time about the last of October or 1<sup>st</sup> of November; & from thence the said Declarant marched under the command of Colonel [Ralph] Faulkner with the rest of the army to Guilford Court House, in North Carolina, & from thence the said Declarant was marched with others of the militia troops to the City of Richmond in Virginia, where late in the winter he was discharged.

The said Daniel Cullen further makes oath & declares, that from the time of his discharge at Richmond late in the winter of 1780 & 1781, he was absent from the Army two months, when he was called on again to render service as a militia man, & went again into the service in Virginia, & continued uninterruptedly to serve as such until the surrender of General Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia [19 Oct 1781]. In this last service he served a part of the time & about half of it, for himself, & the residue as a substitute for his Father, whose presence at home was deemed essential for the Family. And during this latter service Colonel Matthews [probably Thomas Mathews] commanded the Regiment to which he belonged, a part of the time, Colonel [James] Innes [illegible word] part of the time, & Colonel Philip Johnston a part of the time. The said Daniel Cullen further states, that in the last service he was in a skirmish near Osbornes in Chesterfield County Virginia, where the Troops were commanded by Major Thomas Armistead - he was also in a partial action at Allens ordinary in James City County near to Williamsburg, where the troops were commanded by Colonel Matthews — the said Daniel Cullen further makes oath & declares that he did serve faithfully as above stated as a Militia Man from Virginia in the Revolutionary War, about fifteen months — The said Declarant further makes oath, that he remembers several general officers with whom he served - among these was General De Kalb who was killed at Camden & General [Francis] Marion & General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] were known to this declarant — General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] served also with the said Declarant in Virginia. He was with General Lafayette when he retreated through Louisa County &

formed a junction with General Wayne [Anthony Wayne at Brock's Bridge on North Anna River, 10 Jun 1781] —

The said Daniel Cullen further declares & makes oath, that he has no documentary evidence of the service by him rendered & above recited & set forth he received a discharge from Colonel Davis in Chesterfield, & which at the instance of Colonel Holt Richardson he deposited in an office near the old Market in the City of Richmond in the year 1801; & that there is no person, who knows of any part of this service now living, except the Brother of this Declarant John Cullen, who knows of a part of this service or who could testify to the same he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll or Agency of any State.

The said Declarant further states & makes oath that he has no register of his age. that he resided when drafted into service in the County of Caroline, & afterwards lived in the counties of Goochland, Chesterfield, & now resides in the City of Richmond, & has no distinct recollection of any of the Regiments or Corps of the Regular Troops with whom he served. That Gooland Haynes & James H Patterson magistrates of this court, Lawson Burfoot[?] Treasurer of this Commonwealth & Richard Whitfield esqr & Major Jesse Guild of the City of Richmond have known him long & can testify to his character for veracity & their belief that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War.

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