

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pauley (Pawley, Polley) W10233 Margaret f45VA

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[f p. 9]

State of Indiana County of Boone SS

On this 26th day of April 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned William Kenworthy one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court of said County (being a court of record, having a seal, & common law & Chancery jurisdiction to an unlimited amount) at the County aforesaid William Pauley a resident of the said County & state aged seventy-two 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 of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: He will was drafted into the service about six months before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in Montgomery County (afterwards Wythe) State of Virginia in the Virginia Militia under Captain Thomas English & Lieutenant John Hays, were mustered into service on Walker's Creek in said County thence we skirted about after the Tories & marched to the Moravian towns in Carolina where we joined several other companies, all under the command of Colonels Arthur Campbell & __ Armstrong – our headquarters were here during this campaign – several Tories were hung & others whipped while we were there & some [?] the "towns" we were [indecipherable word, looks like 'deputed'] to guard some wagons to Montgomery, which we did & I was then discharged – In a very short time I was again drafted & marched under the same Lieutenant (the Captain as Deponent thinks remaining behind) again into the State of North Carolina, were back & forth at the Moravian towns – During this tour deponent was in an engagement with the British on the Reedy fork of the Haw River, in which he had his power horn shot from his side & lost his mare, saddle & bridle & [indecipherable word or words interlined] – Deponent then fought under the immediate command of Captain Joseph Cloyd – Colonel Preston had a command in that engagement – this engagement began about 2:00 PM & lasted but a short time – this engagement was the Tuesday before the battle of Guilford – the Americans had to retreat & Deponent became accidentally separated from his company & went home. At the last named battleground (on Haw) we joined at Washington's Army (the Regulars) but could not unite with them on the other side of the River – After this Deponent was out in 2 other campaigns, in one of which we marched towards the head of Clinch River where we joined the Company of Captain John Preston – we were there keeping the Indians off of the settlements – in the other expedition we were ordered to march [to] the Long Islands of Holston [River], towards which place we marched & when within 4 miles of the place we received orders to return for that the battle (with the Indians) had been fought – Deponent recollects to have been out in one other Campaign as follows. It being understood that the Tories were rising about 20 miles up Walker's Creek from where deponent lived, he was pressed by Captain James Montgomery & marched in

pursuit – having arrived there we heard that they had gone about 12 miles north to Burk's garden (an obscure retreat) we followed them there and caught their Captain John Henderson, but were not able to prove anything against him & let him go on his promise to be a good Whig. Deponent during all these tours actually bore arms – and served as a private. From the time of his first entering the service until he quit was about twelve months. He was in actual service more than six months, he thinks between six and eight months – Owing to the imbecility of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot name with more precision than he has done above the dates or length of his respective tours – he never received a written discharge – he has no documentary evidence, nor knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service. In answer to questions prescribed by the war Department Deponent says he was born in Spotsylvania County Virginia 2nd of March 1762 – had a record of his age in a family Bible until about six years ago when it became worn out, but has no record now – lived in Montgomery County Virginia when called into service – has lived since the war in Virginia until 28 years ago when he moved to Tennessee where he lived until 6 years ago at which time he removed to Indiana where he now lives – was drafted as above stated. Does not recollect to have served with any other regular officers than as above stated. Refers to Benjamin Sweeney & James Smith to prove his character. Deponent assigns affliction by fever & ague & Rheumatism which prevent him from going to Court (a distance of between 8 and 10 miles).

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ William Kenworthy

S/ William Pauley, X his mark

[Benjamin Sweeney & James Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 5: On August 12, 1845 in Boone County Indiana, Margaret Pauley, 77, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Pauley, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him April 11, 1787 in Montgomery County Virginia; that she has no documentary evidence of her marriage the office of the County of Montgomery having been consumed by fire; that there is no family record of her marriage; that her husband died November 22, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 7: On August 12, 1845 in Boone County Indiana, John Pauley, 34, gave testimony that he is the son of William and Margaret Pauley and that his father died November 22, 1834; and that his mother remains a widow.

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[f p. 20: copy of a marriage bond dated April 11, 1787 issued to William Polley & Thomas Munsey in Montgomery County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of William Polley, son of Joseph Polley, to Margaret Munsey, daughter of Skidmore Munsey, all of Montgomery County Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]