

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Pleasant Sullivan W10265

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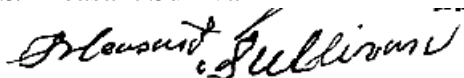
State of Georgia Elbert County: September 19th 1832

Personally appeared in open Court before the honorable William H Crawford Judge of said Court now sitting for the State & County aforesaid, Pleasant Sullivan of the State & County aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, my Captain was by the name of Barksdale – or Basdel as called under Colonel Gibson – a part of my mess were by the names of Joseph Dobbs, Charles Beazly, a Mr. Clark & Jacob Hozby, that I entered as a substitute in the place of John Sutton & served 8 months & served out my time was stationed at Petersburg a part of the time then at Smithfield & then at Portsmouth in the State of Virginia the particular dates I cannot recollect when my time was out Colonel Gibson gave me a discharge but it is lost or destroyed, and I then returned home.

2nd Tour I was drafted and went in my own place for a three months tour under Captain Barksdale & served out my time, except a few days, when I was taken sick and the Doctor permitted me to go home – my General in this Tour was by the name of Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg]. I did not receive any written discharge for this tour – I have no documentary evidence, and I know of no person by whom I can prove my services. I was well acquainted with General Green. I am well acquainted with William Kelly¹ a Revolutionary Pensioner who lives a close neighbor and was acquainted with him in the War of the Revolution and am also a close neighbor of William Dooly Esquire & Captain Stowers whose testimony is here to the Court given for the purpose of strengthening my claim, but they cannot prove my services – I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to in open Court the day & year aforesaid – being the 19th day of September 1832.

S/ Pleasant Sullivan



[James Wilson, a clergyman, Thomas Stowers, Wm Dooly & David Dobbs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [William Kelly \(Kelley\) W25993](#)

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State of Georgia Elbert County: SS

On this 15th day of July in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in Open Court, before Dillard Herndon, Isaac Almond, Robert B. Christian and William A. Beck Justices of the Inferior Court in and for Elbert County and State of Georgia, now sitting, Pleasant Sullivan, a resident of Elbert County and State of Georgia, aged seventy-six 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States as a Substitute for John Sutton, as a private for eight months, in the year 1780, under Captain Barksdale in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson, the day or month he does not recollect, that at the time when he entered the service he resided in the County of Charlotte State of Virginia, that he marched from Charlotte County to Petersburg, Smithfield and Portsmouth in the State of Virginia, at which last place he was discharged after serving 8 months as a private Soldier in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, that said discharge was given him by Colonel Gibson.

That he was drafted into the service of the United States for three months, under Captain Gaines in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Reid in the year 1781 the day or month he does not recollect; that at the time when he entered into the said Service, he resided in the County of Charlotte state of Virginia, that he marched from thence to Petersburg, State of Virginia, where he was stationed all under the command of General Muhlenberg, and after serving three months as a private soldier was discharged from the service of the United States: making in all eleven months that he served in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War, that whilst in the service he served only with the Virginia Militia, and does not recollect of any Regular officer except Baron Steuben, that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Service as a Soldier of the Revolution.

That he was born in the State of Virginia Charlotte County on the __ day of __ 1757 has no Record of his age, that he lived in Charlotte County State of Virginia when called into service; that he removed from the State of Virginia soon after the Revolutionary War, to South Carolina Greenville District where he lived until he removed to Elbert County State of Georgia about seven years past, where he has lived ever since and now resides there, that the first time he entered into the Service he substituted for one John Sutton, and that the last time he entered the service he drafted in the Virginia Militia, that he only recollects Baron Steuben of the Regulars who were with the troops, and that he served with the Militia then commanded by General Muhlenberg, says that he received for the first Tour of service a written discharge signed and given by Colonel Gibson, which has either been lost or destroyed a long time since, and that the last time he entered the service he received no written discharge was verbally discharged by Colonel Reed, the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, he says our William Dooly Esquire, Captain Thomas Stowers, Colonel David Dobbs, James Wilson and William Kelly. 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/ Pleasant Sullivan

[Robert L Edwards, a clergyman, and David Dobbs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p 2: On April 21, 18th 51 in Elbert County Georgia, Milley Sullivan, 75, filed a claim stating that she is the widow of Pleasant Sullivan a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Greenville District South Carolina in August 1796; that she does not remember precisely the day of the month; that they were married by John McElroy, JP; that she submits a record² of the births of her children in support of her claim; that her husband died in Elbert County Georgia March 12, 1840 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Veteran was born in 1757 in Charlotte County Virginia where he resided when called into service; the veteran married in the 1st week of August 1796 Milly Kelly; the veteran and his wife had the following children

Kelly born July 24, 1797

Nimrod born January 12, 1799

Hudson Berry born January 26, 1801

Sarah Bowman March 27, 1803

Mary Jones born May 14, 1805

James born February 16, 1808

Maria Pennock born July 29, 1810

Mosily [?] Wharton born March 31, 1813

? ances Joyce born April 2, 1816]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

² the record appears on page 3 of this file but is heavily water damaged and compromised.