

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pulley (Pully) W1077

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: September Sessions 1832

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James M Martin, David C Hibbetts & Benjamin H Billings Esquires the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Wilson County now sitting, William Pulley a resident of Wilson County in the State of Tennessee aged eighty-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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States sometime in the spring 1778 but on what day or in what month he cannot now recollect he was drafted for a tour of three months and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Buckner Stith in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Mchin [Frederick Maclin] of the Virginia Militia. He resided in Brunswick County State of Virginia when he entered the service. He was marched from Brunswick court house to Suffolk remained at that place he thinks about three weeks. From thence he was marched to Portsmouth. The British had set fire to that place and had abandoned it before the American troops arrived. He was stationed at that place with a number of the American troops until his term of service expired when he was dismissed by his commanding officer but received no written discharge.

Some considerable time afterwards he was again drafted for another tour of three months he was commanded by Captain Claiborne [Thomas Claiborne] Major Tucker [might be a reference to St. George Tucker] and Colonel Munford [Robert Munford]. They rendezvoused at Mecklenburg court house and was marched to a place called the hanging rock in North Carolina. Here he was stationed with a part of the troops watching the movements of the British & Tories and guarding the country against their attacks some three or four weeks. They marched from this place to Guilford courthouse and he was in the battle of at Guilford courthouse [March 15, 1781]. He saw Stephens [perhaps a reference to General Edward Stevens] who got his thigh broke and his horse killed under him. He knew General Lawson [Robert Lawson] who commanded the Brigade to which he was attached. He frequently saw General Green [Nathanael Greene] at that time and while he remained in service the residue of that tour. After the battle of Guilford they marched to Hillsboro from thence to Deep River where he was stationed about a week and his term of service being near expired he was marched back to Hillsboro and there dismissed by his commanding officers but received no written discharge. He cannot recollect the precise day or month he was drafted his last time but thinks it must have been in February 1781. Some three or four months afterwards he volunteered his services for three months service and was commanded by Captain Williams, Major Clayton and Colonel Elliott. They rendezvoused at Brunswick court house and marched from there to Buck's bridge and crossed Nottoway River

and from thence to Swans Point [Swann's Point] on James River opposite Jamestown. They were marching to Little York but at Swans Point he accidentally got his left leg broke which disabled him from marching any further he had not been in service he supposes more than two weeks before this accident happened. The other troops marched on to Little York and he has always understood were there at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] but he was left with the commissary at Swans point and it was nine weeks before his leg got well enough for him to return home and was then conveyed home in a cart after the surrender of Cornwallis. He cannot recollect the day or month he volunteered his services the last time but thinks it must have been in September 1781. He received no discharge at the end of this last term of service in consequence of not being able to march with the troops, and remain until the expiration of his term of service.

He states he was born on the 7th day of February 1750 as he has been informed in Surry County Virginia. He has a record of his age in his Bible at home. He lived in Brunswick County Virginia when he entered the service of the United States and during and after the revolutionary war until about the year 1804 when he moved to Lunenburg County Virginia where he resided until about the year 1826 when he removed to Wilson County Tennessee where he has resided ever since.

He further states he is known by William Powell, James Lowery, Thomas Japland Esquire, Eli Harris and many others in his neighborhood all of whom he believes would testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He further states he does not live in the immediate neighborhood of any clergyman except one with whom he has no acquaintance and he does not know that he could testify as to his belief of his services.

He has no documentary or other evidence and he knows of no person living at this time whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed this 27th September 1832

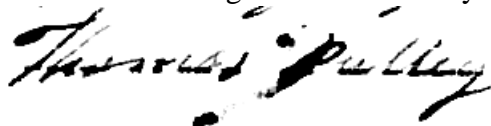
S/ Josiah L. McClain, Clerk

S/ William Pulley, X his mark

[Eli M Harris and James S Lowery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 5: On November 21, 1839 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Lucy Pulley, aged about 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Pulley, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him (his 2nd wife) October 31, 1790; that her husband died June 9, 1837; that her husband kept the family register in an old prayer book in which the date of her marriage was shown but said book has been destroyed. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 6: On November 21, 1839 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Thomas Pulley gave testimony that he is the son of William and Lucy Pulley; that his parents were married as stated by his mother in her application; that he has often seen the record of the family showing the date of his parents' marriage; that he knows nothing of the loss of the family record other than he understood that it got wet and destroyed. He stated that he is about 39 years of age.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 9 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing June 9, 1837.]