

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mills Durden (Durdin) W17736

Polly Durden

f14NC

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State of North Carolina to wit

At a court of Pleas & Court Sessions begun and held for the County of Person at the Court House in Roxboro, on the second Monday of May in the year of our Lord 1823, the Worshipful the Justices of the said Court being present:

On this day, to wit, the second Monday of May the same being the 12th day of the month, personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions of the County of Person aforesaid, in the North Carolina district, which is a court of Record for the State of North Carolina, Mills Durden aged Sixty years, resident in Person County of the State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath depose & say, that he was enlisted in the service of the United States, in the Revolutionary Army, and served as follows: That he the said Mills Durden enlisted for the term of eighteen months about the middle of the month of August in the year 1777 in the Town of Warrenton in Warren County and State and district aforesaid, in the company first commanded by Coleman in the Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lightel [Archibald Lytle], then called the first North Carolina Regiment, and the Continental establishment; That he continued to serve in that Regiment, until the end of the War, when he was discharged at a place called the ten mile House in the State of South Carolina, ten miles from Charlestown in the year 1781: the said Mills further declares that he was in no considerable engagement during his service but that he was in several small skirmishes in the State of South Carolina, one at the Wappoo Cut,<sup>1</sup> & that he was never wounded during the Service. That he has lost the certificate of his discharge, and that he never has been enrolled on the pension list: And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

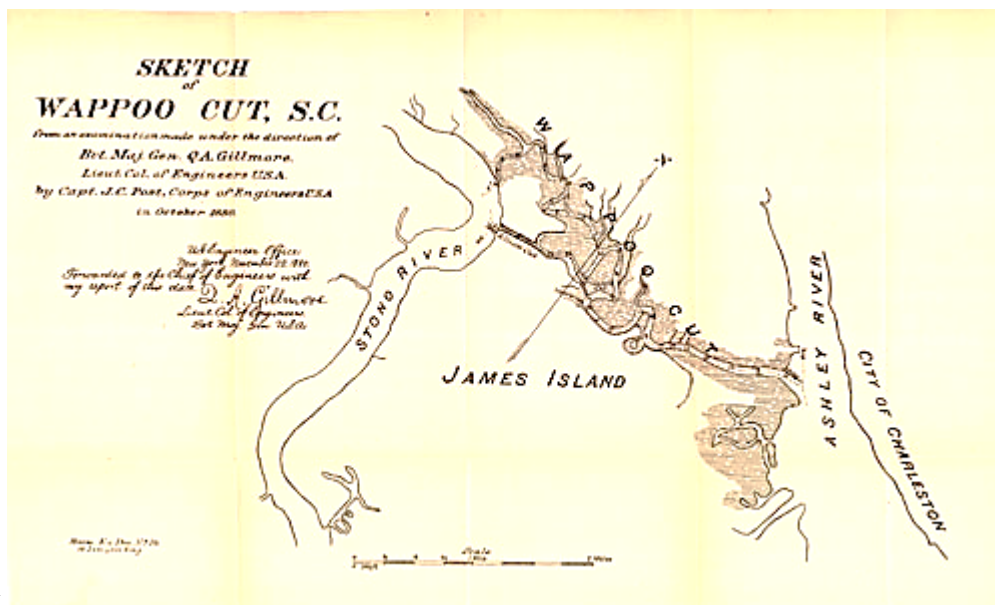
And the said Mills Durden, further Swears, that he is a carpenter by trade, and is now by reason of his age and infirmities, unable to work at his trade to any beneficial effect; that he has a wife & six children, who aid in supporting him; and that he has the following property and no other, it having been sold under execution to satisfy the debts of the deponent. Six hundred feet of plank, some old barrels.

S/ Mills Durden, D his mark

[p 8: On November 13, 1842, in Person County, NC, Polly Durden (alias Polly Dunden), 78, filed for a widows pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Mills Durden, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him on October 25 1779; and that he died in the year 1828. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: copy of a marriage bond issued in Warren County North Carolina to Mills Durdin [sic] & James Turner [or Turber] and dated October 20, 1779 to secure the marriage of Mills Durdin to Polly Lunceford.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 12, 1823 for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]



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