

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Mullins (Mullens) W25671 Anna Mullins VA
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State of Kentucky Perry County and Circuit Sct

On this 13th day of November 1828 personally in open Court it being a Court of Record for the 15th Judicial district of Kentucky made so by act of assembly and proceeding to the course of the Common Law unlimited Jurisdiction Joshua Mullins Resident in said county aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 and under the act of the 12th March 1823 that he the said Joshua Mullins enlisted as a private for the Term of Eighteen months the day or month he does not Recollect but it was about six weeks after the Defeat of Genl Gates in Campden in South Carolina [defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] – in the County of Pittsylvania and state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt Burton his first name not Recollected but thinks it was Chares [Charles?] and shortly about Two weeks his Captain marched him with his Company and Joined the Ridgement which he understood his Company belonged to when he enlisted commanded by Col Gibson [John Gibson S41578] his given name not recollected in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment Shortly after he joined Col Gibson he was taken to South Carolina from the Rigiment of Col Gibson and was placed under Col or Genl Stephens [Gen. Edward Stevens VAS1922], he thinks Stephens was a Col at that time but shortly was promoted to Genl [sic: see endnote] Stephens was under the command of Genl Nathaniel Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] Shortly after he was enlisted by Capt Burton he was Transferred to Capt Isaac Webbs [Isaac Webb S1266] company who marched him to the command of Stephens under the command of Genl Green afsd under Webb he served out his time of service and was discharge by him at Calders old Store on Roanoke River in the State of Virginia but the name of the County is forgotten, but he think it was Brunswick [sic] his discharge as he has been informed was destroyed by his mother together with many other papers of his father, however he knows well that he had a Discharge and he has not been able to find it he feels well satisfied that Stephens was promoted to genl after he joind him and that he was under genl Green on the Continental establishment he hereby relinquishes all Claim to any other pension whatever and states that his name is not on the Pension Roll of this or any other State and in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th 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 subscribed by me (towit) one hundred acres of very poor

land worth	\$75 and no more
one old mare and Colt worth	20 and no more
6 head of Cattle 2 Cows 24 worth	15 and no more
5 head of sheep worth	4 and no more
about Twenty head of hogs including Pigs worth	<u>12</u> and no more
no Debts owing to him	126
his own Debts amount to about	<u>15</u>
Total	\$111

Joshua hisXmark Mullins

He states that his occupation is that of a farmer but owing to his advance age and an injury in his left shoulder he is illy able to pursue his occupation his wife is about 44 years old and they have had 12 children and have 9 now living 7 of whom live in his family and the oldest living with him is about 18 or

19 and able to support himself and the youngest is a Daughter a bout 4 months old he states that he would have applied before but that he never had an opportunity as he Lives Very retired in a mountainous part of the country where the people are generally illiterate and uninformed and that he very seldom attends court as he lives between 40 and 50 miles from the court house and nothing but a path leading to the Court house and that over mountains and hills he never was apprised untill very lately that his case was embraced by the several acts of Congress and so soon as he understood that it was so embraced he made this application at the first court
Joshua hisXmark Mullins

Edward Polly [W9236] statement

Edward Polly a Reputable witness states and makes oath that he knows of the Truth of the facts set forth in the foregoing petition of Joshua Mullins for a pention he states that he served with the petitioner in the same company towit of Isaac Webb and they both went into service at same time under the same Col and genl and discharged at the same time and place and Lived in the same county in Virginia said Polly was a Regular Soldier in the Revolutionary ware and there four knows of the services of Joshua Mullins he further states that he believes the schedule of said Mullins to be True and correct as he is well acquainted with his property
Edward Polly

Washington County to wit

This day personally came before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Washington county & state of Virginia duly commissioned by the authority of the commonwealth of Virginia & authorised & permitted to administer oaths, William Buckner [S37804] & made oath that Joshua Mullins was a private soldier in the Revolutionary war & was under the command of Col. John Gibson. he further states that the said Joshua Mullins was upwards of one year in the army on the continental establishment, & was duly & properly & personably discharged at Calders store in virginia, he further states that the said Joshua Mullins now making application for a pention in Perry County, Kentucky is the same Joshua Mullins that was in the Revolutionary war,

Given under my hand & seal this 26th day of June 1830 Davis Carson J.P.

NOTES:

Edward Stephens resigned as Colonel of the 10th Virginia Continental Regiment on 31 Jan 1778 to become a General of the Virginia Militias.

A letter dated 20 Jan 1832 states that "Joshua Mullins is a correct man and one that is very needy, he is now nearly blind in one eye."

On 18 Mar 1853 Anna Mullins, 72, of Knox County KY, applied for a pension stating that as Anna Robinson she married Joshua Mullins in Carter County TN, and he died in Knox County on 8 Feb 1851. On 22 May 1854 at age 73 she stated that she "well recollects" that the marriage occurred in 1798. William M. Mullins, 73, of Knox County, stated that he had been present at the wedding at the home of John Robinson, and that he remembered the year as 1798 because it was the same year in which he moved from Carter County to Virginia. On 29 Mar 1855 Anna Mullins applied for bounty land, giving her age as 76 and the time of her marriage as about 60 years before.