

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Sullivan W3736
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State of Kentucky Floyd County (Towit)

At a court held for Floyd County at the courthouse in Prestonsburg on Monday the 23^d day of May 1825

Peter Sullivan an old Revolutionary Soldier produced in open court a declaration statement and schedule as an old soldier which is received by the court and ordered to be recorded, which is in the following words and figures (To wit)

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On this 23^d day of May 1825 personally appeared in open court this being a court of record made so by the laws of this state for the County aforesaid with power to fine and imprisonment, always keeping a record of its proceedings, Peter Sullivan aged about seventy years a resident Citizen of the county aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. that I the said Peter Sullivan enlisted for the term of three years at Middlebrook in the Jarses [sic: New Jersey] and was marched from there and put into Captain Stokes company of infantry in the Second Virginia Regiment at that time commanded by Col. Christain Febeggar in Gen'l. Weedings brigade [sic: John Stokes's company in the regiment of Christian Febiger in Gen. George Weedon's Brigade] in Virginia line on continental establishment. that this applicant marched from there to the Southern states. that this deponant was in June [28th] in the year 1778 at the battle of Monmouth. that this deponant was at the surrender of Charlestown in the month of May [12th] 1780. that this applicant did serve out his full time of enlistment, which was three years, and then served afterwards for some time and was then honourably discharged from the said service by the united states in the month of September in the year 1781 at the Utaw Springs in the state of South Carolina by General Green [sic: Eutaw Springs SC by Gen. Nathanael Greene]. and this deponant got his said discharge burnt in his house with all the ballance of his furniture

That I Peter Sullivan do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present. that my name is not on the roll of any state except Kentucky. and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension (Viz) Untill but a few years since I had my health tolerable well for a man of my age and by means of my labour was able to make a small support for myself and famaly, and as long as I was able by my labour to keep myself from suffering I never intended to become a charge to my country. I have no trade. my occupation has been that of a farmer I at this time live on a small peace of rented ground but from age and infirmity I am unable to work and support myself any more, or pursue my occupation by my labour, and am all most entirely dependant upon my Country for support it is from necessity alone that induces me now with much diffidence and regret to make an application to my country for a pension, and in persuance of the act of 1st of May 1820, I Peter Sullivan 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 by me subscribed to wit

one little old mare worth..... \$20.

D'o. two head of cattle worth \$7 each..... 14.

D'o three calves worth \$2 each..... 6.

D' o one old sow and 13 pigs worth..... 10.
D' o one old shovel plow worth. 1.50
D' o three old hoes worth 50 cents each. 1.50
D' o on old ax worth. 1.
D' o kitchen furniture worth. 4.
Total amount \$58.00

I owe Harry Stratton [of Pike County KY] for corn to support myself and famaly \$34. which leaves the amount of what I am worth to be only \$24. [signed] Peter Sullivan

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes has been made in my propperty. at that time I only had two head of cattle, and the calf setforth in the schedule is the proceeds of them. only what I have made use of for beef for my famaly. and the hogs that I now have which are above setforth are some of the proceeds of hogs I had at that time. I think about six head. the ballance I have killed and eat in my famaly, which I think is all the change that I can recollect of. My famaly consists of myself and my wife aged about seventy years named Catherine, who is unable to contrabut any thing to my support.

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the following is the Deposition of Reuben Mathews an old Revolution Soldier taken to prove the Services of Peter Sullivan an old Revalutionary Soldier the said Ruben Mathew after being duly sworne deposeth as follows that I Ruben Mathews do swear that I was well acquainted with Peter Sullivan in the army of The Revolutionary war – that I do know that the said Peter Sullivan did enlist into the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolutionary War in the year 1778 at Middle Brook in the Jarsis for the terme of three years that I do know that he was marched from there and put into Captain Stokes Company of Infantry in the Second Virginia Regiment at that time commanded by Col. Febeggar that this deponent dos know that the said Peter Sullivan was in the Battle at Monmouth and that this deponent does know that the said Peter Sullivan did serve in the service of the United States for the terme of three years and upwards and that this deponent does know that the said Peter Sullivan was Honourably discharged in the fall of the year 1781 at the Utaw Springs [signed] Reuben Mathews

[Joseph Bouney (pension application S35782) made a similar statement.]

NOTE: On 26 June 1846 Katy Sullivan, about 85, applied for a pension stating that she was born and raised in Lincoln County NC where before 1794 as Katy Ayrehart she married Peter Sullivan, who died in 1840 in the part of Cabell County VA that became Wayne County (in 1842, now WV). She stated that they lived for a few years in Lincoln County, then moved to Holston River in Tennessee, from there to Clinch River in Virginia, then to Kentucky where they lived in several counties, and finally to Cabell County. On 4 May 1852 the following only surviving children of Peter Sullivan, all of Wayne County, applied for a pension: David Sullivan, 68; Polly Sullivan, 64; Amy Sellards, 62, wife of Cornelius Sellards; and Susan Sellards, 66, widow of John Sellards. They stated that their mother, Katherine Sullivan married Peter Sullivan on 8 Oct 1782 (1882 in original), that Peter Sullivan died on 19 June 1840, and Katherine Sullivan died 12 Sep 1848. Thomas Spalding, 80, and David Hogan, 91, both of Lawrence County KY, as well as James Manard, 93, of Wayne County, stated that they had known Peter and Katharine Sullivan since they lived in Lincoln County. Rev. Burwell Spurlock of Wayne County stated that he had officiated at the funeral and burial of Katherine Sullivan on 13 Sep 1848. On 24 Mar 1853 Susannah Sellards of Floyd County, daughter of Peter Sullivan, applied for the balance of the pension still owed to her father up to the date of his death.