

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose Pollard W3865 Mary Ann f40VA
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State of Virginia

On this 18th day of August 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mary A. Pollard a resident of said County and State aged 77 years: who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:

That she is the widow of Ambrose Pollard late of Amelia County Virginia: who was a private and Regular in the Continental and militia services of Virginia in the war of the Revolution – She declares that she knows nothing personally in regard to the services of her late husband, in the war of the Revolution, having married him subsequent to the expiration of the last period of his service – she has often heard him speak of his services and also others who served with him, and that he was in actual service a considerable length of time as a Regular; was engaged in several battles suffered and endured many hardships and private nations: all of which she honestly believes to be true and correct, but from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to recollection the particulars of her husband's services detailed by him in his lifetime: She therefore prefers to depend on the statement of competent and credible old soldiers who served with him, to any statement that she could make on the subject: That for the same reason, she cannot state precisely, how long he was in actual service altogether, but would suppose that he served at least 3 years for which length of time, she claims a pension. In support of her claim, she refers to the Army Record of the period and the accompanying certificates – She further declares that she was married to the said Ambrose Pollard on the 22nd day of December 1789: that her husband the aforesaid Ambrose Pollard died on the ___ day of October 1813. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, to wit: at the time above stated.

S/ Mary A. Pollard, X her mark

[John W Pollard of Buckingham County Virginia gave a supporting affidavit. His relationship, if any, to the veteran or his widow is not stated.]

[f p. 10: On March 31, 1855 in Buckingham County Virginia, Mary Ann Pollard made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Ambrose Pollard; she states that she married him in Prince Edward County Virginia December 24, 1789; that they were married by Abner Watkins a Baptist clergyman; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary A. Waddel; that her husband died in Amelia County Virginia in 1813. She signed this application with her mark. This application was attested to by Marcus C Pollard and John A Pollard residents of

Buckingham County. Their relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.]

[f p. 13: certified copy of the marriage bond issued in Prince Edward County Virginia to Ambrose Pollard of Amelia County and Dennis Waddill of Prince Edward County dated December 22, 1789 conditioned upon the marriage of Ambrose Pollard to Mary Ann Waddill (spinster) daughter of Jacob Waddill.]

[f p. 14: On September 8, 1842 in Amelia County Virginia, Isaac Pollard, 94, a distant relative of Ambrose Pollard, gave testimony that he distinctly recollects Ambrose enlisted in the revolutionary war and was gone several years at least 3. The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 34]

The affidavit of Claiborn Wade¹ of the County of Amelia Virginia (aged 88 years) to establish the Pension Claim of Mary A. Pollard widow of the late Ambrose Pollard who served as a Regular and the Revolution. This affiant states that he knew said Ambrose Pollard in the Revolutionary War and served with him 15 months the said Pollard was a Regular under Captain Holman Rice, Francis Taylor Colonel and Pollard was attached to said Colonel Taylor's Regiment at the end of the 15 months this affiant was discharged and left the said Pollard in the war this affiant was discharged in consequence of receiving a wound which rendered him unable to discharged military duty this affiant does not know how long the said Pollard served after he left the Army the Regiment to which he and Pollard were attached were called the Continental troops, but does not recollect for what length of time Pollard did enlist and new Pollard well after he returned from the service.

S/ Claiborne Wade, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service in the Virginia service.]

¹ [Claiborne Wade S11666](#)