

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pafford ¹ W5483 Haney (Bethany) Pafford f69NC
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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes } SS

On this 13th day of September 1826, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County of Stokes, William Pafford, resident in said County aged Sixty-one years or thereabouts, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said William Pafford enlisted for the term of the continuance of the war that the day and year of his enlistment, he does not distinctly recollect, but that he enlisted soon after the Guilford battle [March 15, 1781], that he enlisted at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William Armstrong in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong, in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued in said service until the close of the war, when he was discharged from the service on James Island in the State of South Carolina; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina, and that the following are his reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that he never learned that any provision was made for him until about twelve months ago, when he was informed by a man of the name of Stowball, that a provision had been made by Congress for all the poor soldiers of the revolution, that he then was delayed some months in consequence of his extreme poverty, not being able to get any person to transact the business without any compensation; that if he had been informed of the provision made by Congress, he would have made an earlier application, having always been in indigent circumstances, and for many years and a good measure dependent upon the charity of his neighbors for a support – 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 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 persons 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

Schedule

Seventy four cents due me from James Bryant

Fifty cents due me from James Duncan

¹ BLWt2406-100 and BLWt169-60-55

One pocket knife
 One pair of Contton [sic] Cards
 One ax
 One old pot
 One hoe
 Two old spoons and three [indecipherable word] knives
 Two earthen plates and one earthen dish
 the four last enumerated articles, purchased since the former declaration.

S/ William Pafford, X his mark

That my occupation is that of a day laborer upon a farm, that I am frequently unable to labor in consequence of a rheumatic affliction and other bodily infirmities, that my family consists of myself and wife Betsy, aged 34 years that she is a sickly and weakly woman, and able to contribute nothing towards my support, that I have no children now living – that since the 18th of March 1818 following changes have been made in my property – as near as I can recollect: That since the 18th of March 1818, I have disposed of a small tract of land containing 31 acres or thereabouts for the sum of \$75 which was considered a very fair price, that this tract of land, together with all the property I have parted with since the 18th of March 1818 does not exceed in value \$100. That it has all been expended for the support of my family. The following is a list of all I can recollect

Description of Property	Names of the persons to whom disposed	Time of sale	Amount of money or description of property received in return
one tract of land	John Carr	1821-1822	\$75- \$13 in cash the balance of the \$75.00 by payment of debt to Wm. Moore
one cow & calf	John Carr	1823	\$10.00 by discharge of a debt to William Moore
one two year old heifer	Joshua Lawson	1824	\$8.00 three by discharge of a debt due him, the balance in Iron, Cotton or Tobacco, the precise amount of each not recollect
Five or six hogs	John Carr	1825	\$5.25 part in cash the rest in trade amount of each and the articles of trade not recollect

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Matth. Moore

S/ William Pafford, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of said State in the revolutionary war, that William Payford a musician in Captain Carter's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in the year 1782 for the war. A Warrant for the full amount, or quantity of land allowed by law to

War Soldiers, was issued to Wm Pafford on the 30th April 1784, from which it is believed he served out the time for which he enlisted, and that his name is misspelled on the Rolls, where it is written "Payford" instead of Pafford.

Given under my hand at Office this 8th day of August 1826
S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County

On this the 4 day of June 1846, Personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County, William Pafford a United States Pensioner at \$96 per annum, aged 80 years and on his oath made the following Declaration; in order to obtain the Bounty of Land which he Claims from the General Government for his services in the Revolutionary War, that he enlisted at Salisbury, Rowan County North Carolina under one Captain Carter in Colonel Armstrong's Regiment, which he believes was the 10th Regiment; and in the year 1782 that he enlisted as Drummer for during the war; and was promised a bounty of land when he enlisted; which he never obtained; That he marched from Salisbury to the Eutaw Springs and was there at a Battle [September 8, 1781]; and from thence he marched to Charleston and from Charleston to James Island at which Place he was Honorably Discharged; and owing to the Frailty of his Or body and in a day or month memory he further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed this 4 day of June 1846 before me.

S/ John Popper, JP

S/ William Pafford. X his mark

[p 13: On September 15, 1853 in Stokes County North Carolina, Haney Pafford, aged 50, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of William Pafford; that she married him March 3, 1839; that her husband died in 1848; that they were married by William Ward, JP of Stokes County North Carolina. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Stokes County on March 3, 1839 William Pafford and John Mabe conditioned upon the marriage of said William Pafford to Haney Bulling of said County.]

[p 17: On April 21, 1855, in Stokes County North Carolina, Haney Pafford, 52, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; that she married her husband on or about March 3, 1839; that her husband died in the month of September 1848 and she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 40: On September 17, 1866 in Stokes County North Carolina, John G H Mitchell, 26, a resident of said County and state gave testimony that he is the administrator of the estate of Mrs. Haney Pafford; that she died in Stokes County North Carolina April 8, 1864 leaving but one child surviving of the last marriage of William Pafford, viz. Mrs. Politha Duggins, now married to A. J. Duggins.]

[p 20: On April 27, 1867 in Stokes County North Carolina, H. D. Huggins and William Dunlap gave testimony that Politha Duggins is the only surviving daughter of William Pafford, a decease revolutionary war soldier and who was the husband of Haney Pafford; that she, Politha Duggins, did not give aid or comfort or encouragement to the rebels during the late rebellion.

H. J. Dugreys
Wm Duval]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 13, 1826, for service as a private during the war in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]