

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pallett W5492

Sarah

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At a Court held for Princess Anne County the 4th day of February 1833

John Pallett appeared before the Court and may the following declaration –

"State of Virginia, County of Princess Anne – On this 4th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Princess Anne now sitting John Pallett a resident of Princess Anne County State of Virginia aged seventy-two or seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he was born July 12th, 1759 or 1760 he is not positive which, as the family Bible where his age is recorded was sold some 20 or 30 years since. That in the year 1776 he was drafted to serve as a militia man in Captain Thomas Brook's<sup>1</sup> Company, that he remained a member of that Company 3 years and did months service in the way of guarding the East of the County in order to prevent slaves going off to the enemy and the enemy's plundering the County of cattle & other stock – that he was in no battle, but several skirmishes with the enemy's barges. That while attached to Captain Brook's Company he acted as Sergeant. That he has no documents of the time he was on duty, but verily believes that of the 3 years he was attached thereto he served more than one = that afterwards he volunteered in Captain Thomas Walker's [perhaps Captain Thomas Reynolds Walker's] Company and did about two months service, as a private in much the same way as when he was with Captain Thomas Brook. That he was afterwards attached to Captain Leml. Cornick's [Lemuel Cornick's]<sup>2</sup> Company where he did duty six or eight weeks – That he then volunteered and Amos Weeks Company of minute men, where he remained to the end of the war. That while in the last mentioned Company he was liable to be called out at a moment's warning: That he verily believes he did duty in Amos Weeks' Company nine months. That in the three first mentioned Companies his duty was confined to Princess Anne, but in the last he was marched to Norfolk two or three times that he had no battle, but was in a skirmish with the enemy in Kempsville – that he never was immediately under the command of and officer of the regular Army – that he was born in the County of Princess Anne & State of Virginia, in the year 1759 or 1760 July 12th – that he has always lived in the same County, and in the immediate vicinity of Londonbridge. That he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state – and that he knows of no person now living who can testify to his services – and he never received a discharge – that he is well known to all his neighbors –

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<sup>1</sup> I could find no such officer listed in the resources available to me.

<sup>2</sup> I could find no such officer, but there was a Capt. Henry Cornick listed as having served from Princess Anne County during the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Pallett

[Jonathan Hunter and John Cornick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 9: On December 4, 1848 in Princess Anne County Virginia, Sarah Pallett, 89, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Pallett, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she has frequently heard her husband say he was at the battle of Great Bridge [December 9, 1775]; that she married him July the 14th, 1784 and that her husband died December 24, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: Copy of a marriage bond dated July 14, 1784, issued in Princess Anne County Virginia to Edward Cannon & John Pallett conditioned on the marriage of John Pallett to Sarah Keeling.]

[f p. 7: Certificate from the clerk of court of Princess Anne County Virginia dated January 15, 1849 stating that the last will and testament of John Pallett is dated September 20th, 1831 and was partly proved by one witness on February 2, 1835 and fully proved by another witness on May 4th, 1835.]

[Veteran's widow was allowed a pension at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending December 24, 1834 when he died based on his service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. She was pensioned in her own right at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]