

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Pollard W5555

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King and Queen County in the State of Virginia to wit

On this 10th day of December 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of the said County of King and Queen in the State of Virginia Joseph Pollard a resident of the said County aged Seventy four years and being first duly sworn according to Law doth in open Court make the following declaration upon his oath in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

1st That he entered the service being his regular tour of Militia duty from the County of Goochland his then place of residence as a Sergeant in Captain Edward Curds [Edward Curd's] company marched to the County of Albemarle to guard the Hessian prisoners at the barracks Colo. Taylor [Francis Taylor] Commandant and continued three weeks and was discharged in consequence of sickness the year is not recollected but knows it was the summer after the said prisoners were brought to the barracks

2nd That he entered the service being his regular tour of Militia duty from the County of Louisa the year not recollected but probably the fall of the year 1780 as a sergeant in Captain Edmund Duke's company and marched from the thence to the County of Isle of Wight on his way to Portsmouth where enemy was said to be served two months ^{and returned} as far as Richmond and then discharged.

3rd That he entered the service as a volunteer from the County of Goochland to which County he had lately removed the year not recollected but probably January 1781 there being a general call of the militia and joined captain Thomas Hatcher's company served three weeks a part of the Militia being discharged at Cabbin point [Cabin Point] in the County of Charles City he was of the number discharged

4th That he entered the service being his regular tour of Militia duty from the County of Goochland in the spring of the year of 1781 as a Sergeant in Captain Stockley Towles' company marched Malvern Hills in the County of Henrico then attached to the company commanded by Captain Moorecock in the regiment regulars commanded by Colo. Boyce was in the retreat of General Lafayette & passed the Counties of Hanover Caroline Spotsylvania crossed river Rapidan and went into the County of Culpepper [sic, Culpeper] served two months and was discharged at Mosby's Spring in the County of Louisa

5th That he entered the service being his regular tour of Militia duty from the County of Goochland the last of August or the first of September 1781 as a Sergeant marched to Springfield two miles below Williamsburg remained there two weeks from thence to York and was there attached to the Company of Thomas F Bates from Goochland County who was appointed an officer after the said Bates arrived at York in Colo. William Darke's regiment and General Stephens Brigade and served till after the Surrender of the British forces under the command of

Cornwallis that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services except in part by his brother Robert whose affidavit is annexed that he has resided since the revolutionary war about thirty eight years in the County of Goochland and he hereby 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.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first above mentioned
S/ Jos Pollard¹

I William Todd a Clergyman residing in the County of King and Queen do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Joseph Pollard who hath subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and that I believe him to be seventy four years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution and that I concur in that opinion Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

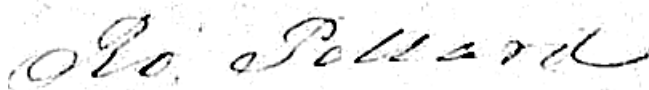
S/ William Todd

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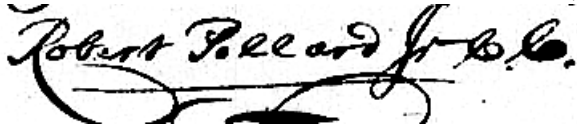
King and Queen County to wit

The affidavit of Robert Pollard of the County of King and Queen in the State of Virginia aged sixty-nine years, the said Robert Pollard being duly sworn saith that he was discharged from the Military duty in the County of Hanover on the retreat of General Fayette [Lafayette] in the month of May 1781 and afterwards went to his Grandfather's in Goochland County and was requested to follow the retreating Army and carry his brother Joseph Pollard some supplies that he did comply with the said request and overtook the Army in the County of Spotsylvania and crossed the river Rapidan with Army and went into the County of Culpeper on his return was informed that Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] had been up to Charlottesville and returned.

S/ Ro. Pollard



[the above document is attested December 10, 1832 by Robert Pollard Junior C C



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[f p. On November 9, 1840 in King and Queen County Virginia, Catharine Pollard, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Pollard, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 17, 1791; that her husband died September 6, 1836; and that she remains his widow. The signature at the bottom of this application is in the same handwriting as the document itself so consequently I do not believe it is her actual signature.]

¹ I do not believe this document bears the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting of the signature appears to me to be identical to the handwriting of the document itself.

[f. p. 10: Copy of a marriage bond issued March 17, 1791 in Hanover County Virginia to Joseph Pollard and Thomas Rogers conditioned upon the marriage of Joseph Pollard, bachelor, to Catharine Robinson, spinster.]

[f p. 6: On January 25, 1844 in King & Queen County, Va., William H. Pollard, 49, Administrator of the estate of Catharine Pollard, widow, filed for a petition of arrears due Catharine as widow of Joseph. Catharine died May 22, 1843.

W. H. Pollard]

[Facts in file: the widow's son John Pollard resided in Belle Air Virginia in 1841.]

[f p. 10: Mary Robinson and Joanna Robinson testified on June 26, 1740 in Hanover County Virginia that they were present at the marriage of Joseph Pollard and Catherine Robinson on March 17, 1791. Their relationship if any, to the widow is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$34.10 per annum.]