

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pullin (Pullen) W5589

Mary

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[f p. 12]

The State of Alabama Jefferson County SS: Circuit Court Fall Term 1830

On this the twenty ninth day of October 1830 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record and having Jurisdiction over Matters of Law and Equity to an Unlimited Amount and having the Power of Fine & Imprisonment in and for the County of Jefferson William Pullen a resident Citizen of said County aged Seventy-three years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March [1818] and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said William Pullen enlisted for the Term of three years on the first day of January in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Colonel William Davis in the Line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the first day of January in the year 1780 when he was Discharged from the Service at Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania that he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a Pension except the Present that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State except Virginia and that the following all the Reasons for not making Earlier application for a pension that he some ten or twelve years since while a resident of the State of South Carolina made an effort to obtain a Pension and for the that purpose filed an Application before the Court which he has since then a year in consequence as he has been informed of some change in the officers of that Department that whether it ever was awarded or not he is not informed but from his having some Little Personal Property and from his being tolerably hale & stout for a man of his age and from his having been erroneously informed that would have to swear that he was not enabled to maintain himself without the aid of his Country he has heretofore forbore to apply for a pension. That since that time he has been afflicted with the disease commonly called a rupture of the abdomen or a hernia which with his other bodily infirmities renders him unable to support himself by manual labor. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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: That is to say I am the owner of one half quarter section of land which is worth about one hundred dollars. I own one horse worth twenty-five or thirty dollars and thirteen head of cattle worth sixty or seventy dollars together with some indifferent farming tools my occupation

is that of a farmer which I am but very illy able to pursue I have but one person in my family my wife aged sixty-three years who is very infirm. I have no debts due to me exceeding the value of \$5 & have no debts nor have I sold any property since the year 1818 except the small proceeds of my farm nor has there been any material changes in my property in that time.

S/ William Pullin

Sworn to in open court on the 29th of October 1830

Test M. H. Gillespie, Clerk

[f p. 27: On March 6, 1839 in Jefferson County Alabama, the veteran filed for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Alabama agency stating that he previously resided in Pendleton District South Carolina & in Bedford County Virginia.

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[Facts in file: Veteran married Mary [maiden name not stated] about 1786 in Georgia; Veteran died in Jefferson County, Alabama April 4, 1845; his widow, Mary, was pensioned under her application dated March 14, 1851 when she gave her age as 83 and was then living in Jefferson County, Alabama; they were said to have had seven children; the widow died July 3, 1851 in Jefferson County Alabama. F. p. 10: there is a document dated May 6, 1852 in Tuscaloosa Alabama reading as follows:

Received of Jas H. Dearing Agent for paying pensions \$469.63, Being for six years two months and twenty-nine days, pension due to William Pullen, Martha Hickman, Clarissa Byers, Elizabeth Tankersly, Sarah Rowan and Mary Rowan, being six of the seven heirs of Mary Pullen Deceased late a pensioner of the United States – From the 4th day of April 1845 to the 3rd day of July 1851.

For which I have signed duplicate receipts

S/ J. M. Jemison, Atty for the Heirs of Mary Pullen Dec'd]

[f p. 15: In August 1851 in Jefferson County Alabama, a power of attorney was executed by Joseph Hickman and Martha Hickman his wife, daughter of William & Mary Pullen; Richard Tankersly and Elizabeth Tankersly his wife, daughter of William & Mary Pullen and Joseph Byars & Clarissa Byars his wife formally Clarissa Pullen daughter of William & Mary appointing J. M. Jemison their attorney to receive the pension due Mary Pullen from the United States. On page 16, the 3 wives named above gave further testimony that they are the children of William & Mary Pullen and with Mary Rowan & Sarah Rowan & William Pullen are all of the surviving children of their parents; that they had another brother Pleasant Pullen who died some 20 years ago. All of them signed their affidavit with their mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]