

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cullen ¹ W6950

Elizabeth Cullen

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State of New Jersey Cumberland County: SS

On this 2nd day of May 1818 Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for said County John Cullen who upon his Solemn Oath Deposeth and Saith that in the year 1777 on the 17th day of March he enlisted under Captain John Rhoades [John Rhodes²] belonging to the Delaware Regiment Colonel Vaughn [Joseph Vaughan] when dismissed, Delaware line in the revolutionary Army for three years or during the war, and that he served during the war and was discharged by General Green [Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina at the conclusion of the War, that he is now Sixty-three years of age and requires Support for his Subsistence from his Country.

S/ John Cullen



Personally appeared before me John Cullen and in addition to his former affidavit states that he enlisted under Captain John Rhodes on the 17th March 1777 that he was in the Delaware Regiment, first under Colonel Pope [Charles Pope], that after Colonel Pope left the service, he was under Colonel Hall [David Hall], that when he was discharged he was under Colonel Joseph Vaughan, That Captain Rhodes was wounded at the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], that afterwards Peter Jaquett was Captain, that he served during the war – was under General Gates till after his defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] – was then under General Green until discharged – that he received a Certificate from a Mr. Banning of Dover in the State of Delaware for the money due him as a Soldier – that he sold said Certificate to Mr. Tom Sworden & John Pleasants of Milford Delaware, that to the best of this deponent's recollection the Certificate of Service amounted to Sixty-three Pounds two Shillings & one farthing that this deponent is remote from the State of Delaware, or he would procure Satisfactory testimony of his Service – he believes Peter Jaquett is still living in State of Delaware and that Lieutenant Roach [perhaps Edward Roche] was Pay Master of the Delaware Regiment when he was released.

May 1st, 1819

S/ John Cullen

Schedule

State of New Jersey

¹ BLWt8442-160-55

² Taken prisoner at the Battle of Camden August 15-16, 1780

Cumberland County, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, of the Term of June in the year 1820

On this 22nd day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said County, John Cullen (labourer) aged Sixty Six years, resident in Maurice River in said County, who, in first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he enlisted in March 1780 with Captain John Rhodes of the Delaware Regiment and remained in service till he was honorably discharged at the close of the War, was in several skirmishes but in no general engagement his declaration to obtain a pension he believes is dated May 2nd, 1818 and his pension Certificate is dated July 19th, 1819 and numbered 12,381

And 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

Inventory of of the goods and chattels of John Cullen

1 first one Man & Colt	45.00
one Briselle Cow 5 years Old	12.00
1 red heifer 3 years old	11.00
one Bull in the woods 2 years old	12.00
one pair Bulls in the pasture	14.00
one 3 year Old heifer in Do	07.00
one 2 year old in Do	14.00
one Sow & pig	10.00
5 Hogs	10.00
3 Iron pots	14.00
1 Bake Oven one Iron tea kettle 1 Iron	01.00
2 Copper pots consisting all the tin ware	01.25
a lot of Queens ware on the Shelf	01.25
a lot of earthen ware & tin stoves jars	01.00
one fire lock & equipments	01.75
1 Bible one prayer book & hymn books	1.50
2 chests one fire table 3 chairs	1.75
3 chopping axes 2 Axes & wedges	4.00
1 Coffee Mill 1 set knives & forks	02.00
1 set putter shovels shovel & tongs	01.00
1 Braising bucket saw pair of Shovel 112	01.00
1 meat tick 1 pork Barrel 1 flour Barrel	04.00
plough & gears one Cart wheel & Hammers	08.50
1 grubbing hoe Bundling do 1 fork & yoke	01.25
2 transmits two Hemp hocks 1 grass sythe	01.25
1 Bridle with 3 bridles one hog hook	1.50
one half bushel and lot of sundries	1.00
May the 29 th 1820 the whole amount	116.00

Appraised by the Court by
Daniel Robinson, proasser
Joseph Lord, the other proasser

And I do further swear that my family consist of myself aged as above specified, very infirm and

unable to labour being crippled in both arms and one leg my wife Elizabeth aged about forty-five unhealthy My Daughter Sarah aged 17 and a boy aged 8 years.

S/ John Cullen

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Office of the Secretary of the State of Delaware

Dover 10 July 1819

There are in this office pay rolls of Lieutenant John Rhodes' company of the Delaware Regiment commanded by Colonel David Hall in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment during the revolutionary war, for the months of February March April May June July and August 1778, from which it appears that a person of the name of "John Cullen" served as a private soldier in the said company from the 17th March 1778 until the 21st June of the same year, there being in the payroll from June of that year and entry made against his name in the following words viz. "supposed deserted 21st June", and his name is not appearing in any of the said pay rolls after that for June 1778.

There also are in this office pay rolls of Major Joseph Vaughan's Company in the Delaware Regiment aforesaid (of which company John Rhodes was then first Lieutenant) from September 1778 to March 1780 inclusive from which it appears that a private soldier of the name of quote John Cullen" belonged to the said company, that his pay in the said company commenced on the first of June 1778, that in October 1778 he "returned from Hospital", and that he continued to serve in the said company until and during the month of March 1780, his name being mentioned in all the pay rolls from and including that for October 1778 and it not appearing from any of them that he was absent from the said company after his return from the hospital in October 1778.

It also appears from a "Muster roll of the noncommissioned officers drummers and fifers and rank and file of the late Delaware Regiment (then) the first company of the 2nd Battalion in Colonel Williams' Regiment serving in the Southern Army of the United States" dated "Hillsboro North Carolina September 1780" and which muster roll is in this office, that a private soldier of the name of "John Cullen" then belonged to and was serving in the said last mentioned company.

There are also in this office pay rolls of Captain Peter Jaquett's Company in the Delaware Regiment aforesaid under the command of the aforesaid Colonel David Hall, from May 1777 till March 1780 inclusive, all of which I have carefully examined and the name of "John Cullen" does not appear in any one of them.

Certified for the United States War Department

S/ H. M. Ridgely

[p 17: On September 1, 1854 in Cumberland County New Jersey, Elizabeth Cullen, 83, a resident of Maurice River Township in Cumberland County filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of John Cullen, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the City of Norfolk Virginia in September 1799; they were married by Parson Whitehead, and Episcopal clergyman; that her husband departed this life at Maurice River April 12, 1830 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On April 4, 1855 in Cumberland County New Jersey, Elizabeth Cullen, 81, a resident of Ewing's Neck in Cumberland County New Jersey, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Cullen, a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On April 4, 1855, in Cumberland County New Jersey, witnesses filed an affidavit that

they had known Elizabeth Cullen for 50 years; that she came to Cumberland County about 50 years ago with her husband John Cullen from the state of Virginia.]

[p 43: On September 1, 1854 in Cumberland County New Jersey, Daniel Robinson, 78, gave testimony that he was acquainted with John and Elizabeth: in September 1803 when they moved from Virginia to New Jersey and settled near where the affiant resided; that they then had 2 children William & Sarah who they always claimed as their lawful children.]

[p 44: On September 1, 1854 in Cumberland County New Jersey, Joel Robinson and David Cullen [relationship , if any, not stated] gave testimony that they were acquainted with John and Elizabeth Cullen from about the year 1810 at which time they had two children William and Sarah; that Sarah died before her father; that John Cullen died in 1830; that William Cullen is still living and has the family Bible in which the following is recorded in the handwriting of said John Cullen:

"John Cullen Senior was Born A.D. 1755 May 25th
Elizabeth Cullen his wife was Born August 20th A.D. 1773
James Cullen their Son was born May 22nd A.D. 1800
William Cullen their Son was born November 22nd, 1801
Sarah Cullen their daughter was born May 14th A.D. 1803"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May to, 1818 for service as a private for 6 years in the Delaware Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3, 1853.]