

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Pollard W811

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State of Virginia County of New Kent, to wit:

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before William H Macon, Thomas Maxen, John F. Chushner and Philemon C. Jones the County Court of New Kent, now sitting, Robert Pollard a resident of said County of New Kent and state aforesaid, aged seventy-three years, who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. In the summer of 1779, he marched as a drafted militia man, from the County of Hanover, under the command of Captain John Stanley to the City of Williamsburg, at which place and in the Country immediately surrounding it, he served a Tour of militia duty, of three months.

In the summer and autumn of 1780, from May till October inclusive, he marched as a drafted militia man, from the County of Hanover, on the southern expedition, under the command of Captain John Price, who was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Holt Richeson [Holt Richardson], and was in the Battle at Camden in South Carolina – After the Battle he was transferred to the Company commanded by Captain Parke Goodall, And he was discharged at Guilford Court house in North Carolina, the time for which he had been drafted into service having expired. He received no written discharge. The Captain subalterns and privates having set off together, for their respective residences in Virginia. He was in service on this tour of duty, six months.

In the spring and summer of 1781, from May till July inclusive, he marched as a drafted militia man, from the County of Hanover, under the command of Captain Thomas Richardson, to the City of Richmond, and from thence was marched up and down the Country, adjacent to James River – He was in the skirmishing between the Americans and British at Osborne's, where the British took and destroyed several American vessels – And he was marched to Charles City Court house, immediately following the attack and massacre at that place. He was in service this tour 3 months.

And in the spring of 1782, he marched as a drafted militia man, from the County of Hanover, under the command of Captain Ambrose Lipscombe to guard and carried British prisoners from Gould-Hill near Hanover Town, in Hanover County, to Winchester in Frederick County, Virginia – he was in service this tour 2 months.

In answer to the interrogatories directed to be propounded to him

He declares

1. That according to the information handed down to him he was born in the County of New Kent on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1760.

2. That he has no record of his age.
3. That when called into service, each time, he lived in the town of New Castle and County of Hanover – That soon after the Revolutionary War, he removed to and settled in the County of New Kent, where he has resided ever since and where he now resides.
4. He has stated herein before in his declaration, how he was called into service.
5. He has named some of the officers, as to whom he feels confident that the length of time that has intervened, and his advanced age, together with the many trials and difficulties he has had to encounter, envelopes past scenes in oblivious obscurity, and therefore he cannot venture to give a particular account of the officers and Troops with which he served.
6. He never did receive a written discharge from service that he recollects.
7. General William Chamberlayne, and his neighbors generally, can testify as to his character for veracity – And those of his neighbors who remember the War of the Revolution, can testify their belief of his having served as a Soldier of the Revolution.

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 whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robt Pollard



[James Clopton, a clergyman, and Samuel Keiningham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

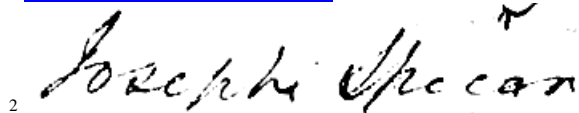
[f p. 24: On October 30, 1833 in Hanover County Virginia, Sackville Thacker<sup>1</sup> of Louisa County gave testimony that he was periodically in the war of the revolution as a minute man from the commencement to the end of the war; that Robert Pollard has applied to him to testify as to the services of said Pollard but he has no recollection of Pollard's person, but based on conversations with Pollard, he knows details which only someone who actively served with no and the affiant believes that politics serve in the militia service at Williamsburg at some time during the war.]

[f. p. 25]

Hanover County to wit

Joseph Specor [?]<sup>2</sup> of the County of Louisa made oath before me Milton M Brown a Justice of the peace for the said County of Hanover, that he was in the Requisition which marched from the said County of Hanover under Captain John Price on the southern expedition in the year 1780, the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Holt Richeson – That Mr. Robert Pollard, now of the County of New Kent has applied to him to depose for him, if his recollection will enable him to do so, that he also was one of the requisition & marched on the expedition – But the length of time from 1780 till now is so great and the likeness of persons changes so much in 50 years that he cannot recollect the person of Mr. Pollard that Mr. Pollard has stated several circumstances which occurred during the Tour which circumstances could not probably have been known to any person who was not present – and therefore the Affiant believes that the said Pollard did

<sup>1</sup> [Sackville Thacker S6239](#)

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March in the said requisition – Given under my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833  
S/ M. M. Brown, JP

[f p. 27: Edward Cason<sup>3</sup> of Spotsylvania County gave a deposition almost word for word identical to that given by Joseph Specor set forth above.]

[f p. 8: On April 21, 1853 in Richmond Virginia, Susannah Pollard, 67, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Pollard late of New Kent County Virginia, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him February 10, 1804 and that her husband died July 17, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 12: On March 27 1855 in Richmond Virginia, the widow, aged about 65, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Robert Pollard. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the name of the widow prior to her marriage was Susanna Howle; the veteran and his wife had 13 children but no names are stated in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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<sup>3</sup> [Edward Cason W25383](#)