

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Absolem (Absalom) Pollard W8527

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State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828, I Absalom Pollard of the County of Garrard in the state of Ky. do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Capn Jacob Valentine's Company in the Second Regiment of the Virginia line. That I never applied for or obtained the reward of \$80, having removed to Ky at a very early period, and not knowing I was entitled to it, under the Resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1778.

And I further declare that I never was placed on any Pension List either of the United States or any of the several states.

Witness my hand this 20 day of March 1830

Absolem Pollard +

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This day, came before me M. V. Grant a justice of the peace in and for the County af'd. Absalom Pollard, and made oath that after the Seige of York [ending 19 Oct 1781], he was in a bad state of health, and did receive a discharge from Wm. Cabbel [possibly William Cabell, Jr., Major of militia], he thinks he was a Brigade Maj'r, and that the Paper or discharge was handed to him by Cap'n Peter Stubblefield. given under my hand & seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r 1831

NOTES:

The name Abso'm Pollard appears of the payroll of the company of Azariah Pollard, which comprised Amherst County militiamen sentenced to eight months additional service for desertion at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780. If this is the identical Absolem Pollard he may not have referred to this service because the act under which he applied did not cover militia service.

On 20 May 1839 Leaner or Leanna Pollard applied for a pension stating that she married Absalom Pollard in Amherst County VA, and he died 29 Aug 1835. Attached to her application is part of a family record as follows: "Absalom Pollard and Leanner his wife [page torn] Married in the year 12 february 1782." On 26 Apr 1843 Leaner Pollard gave her age as "upwards of seventy eight." On 12 Feb 1855 James M. Pollard, 29, administrator of Leanna Pollard, applied for a pension, stating that he understood that Absalom Pollard had served as a first lieutenant, and that he died on 30 Aug 1835. He stated that Absalom Pollard and Leanna Banks were married in 1783 and had the following children, all of whom were still living: Absalom Pollard, Staunton Pollard, Leanna Naylor, Sarah Naylor, Nancy Herring, Reuben Pollard. In a supporting deposition Edward Naylor, 29, stated that Absalom Pollard "was buried as a revolutionary soldier with the honors of war. The militia were called out and had a procession and fired guns over his grave and dead body," and that Leanna Pollard died on the next Jan 8 following his own marriage on 27 June 1844. Sally Pendleton, 93, of Lincoln County KY, also made a supporting affidavit stating that she was the sister of Leanna Banks Pollard