

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pollard W8862

Elizabeth Goodman¹

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State of South Carolina District of Laurens } SS

On this 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1851 personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District Miss Elizabeth Pollard a resident of the District of Laurens in the State of South Carolina, aged thirty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows;" That she is the daughter and heir at law of Mrs. Elizabeth Goodman deceased who had been first the wife and subsequently the widow of William Pollard deceased who entered the Army of the United States in the War of the Revolution under the following circumstances & served under the following named officers: That said William Pollard deceased during said war entered the militia in the defense of South Carolina and served as a private horseman for a considerable length of time, as this Deponent has been informed & believes, That at the siege of Ninety Six Fort [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21- June 19, 1781] near where he then lived he received a wound in the left breast by which his nipple was torn off -- that after recovering from said wound he again entered the service and continued from time to time in the same until peace was made: That at what time said William Pollard deceased when in the said service or for what length of time in each tour of duty in the militia he engaged, the counties through which he marched or the battles in which he was engaged except the region near and the battles and skirmishes in and about the Ninety Six Fort within a few miles of his house, this deponent at this late day is unable from her recollection of the facts as stated by her said mother & father, to state in detail: of his officers Colonel Robert Anderson was among the number as Colonel and his service under said Colonel Anderson was either under Captain Maxwell² Captain Eliot Moore or Captain Beal. That this deponent has no doubt of the fact of his service under Colonel Robert Anderson: That all of his old Discharges & Army papers have been lost or destroyed so that they cannot now be produced: That said William Pollard after the close of the war living in what is now called Laurens District married said mother of this deponent, viz., Elizabeth White on the 20th day of February in the year 1788 -- and that said William Pollard died on the 18th June of 1817. That afterwards to wit on the 5th day of March 1829 said Elizabeth Pollard widow of said William Pollard soldier aforesaid

¹ Former widow

² Perhaps either David Maxwell or Robert Maxwell, both of whom served in the 96th district Regiment of militia under Colonel Robert Anderson at various points during the war

married Samuel Goodman, who died on the 23rd day of December 1831 which date said Elizabeth Goodman as widow of said Samuel Goodman & also of said William Pollard remained and died such in the District of Laurens in the State aforesaid on the 13th day of November in the year 1850 without ever presenting her claim for any pension from the United States. She further declares that her said mother Elizabeth Goodman deceased was not married to said William Pollard deceased prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written before me
S/ W. D. Watts, J.C.O. L. D.

S/ Elizabeth Pollard



[p 10 family record]

Births

William Pollard was born 29th of June 1762
Elizabeth Pollard was born the 19th of February 1769
Marshal Pollard was born 5th of November 1788
Matilda Pollard was born 25th March 1793
Alfred Pollard was born the 14th of February 1796
William W. Pollard was born 23rd of October 1798
John H. Pollard was born 5th of February 1802
James K. Pollard was born the 31st March 1805
Felix Pollard was born 22 September 1807
Franklin Pollard was born 5th of February 1810
Elizabeth Pollard was born 25th of April 1812

Deaths

William Pollard died June 18th 1817 aged 54 years 4 months & [obliterated text]
Alfred Pollard died 14th of December 1817 age 21 years
John H. Pollard died September 1812 age 10 years
Felix Pollard died January 18 1487 years
Elizabeth Goodman died at the residence of [illegible word or words] Mrs. Reynolds Abbeville
District November 12th 1850 aged 81 years

Marriages

William Pollard and Elizabeth White was married 20th of February 1788
Marshal Pollard and Elizabeth W. Hill was married 12th March 1820

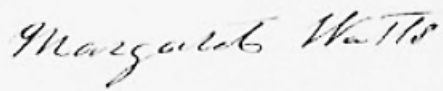
[p 13: On March 22, 1851 Beaufort T. Watts gave testimony in Richland district South Carolina that he was the nephew of William Pollard, first husband of the Mrs. Elizabeth Goodman who died at his advanced age in November 1850; that he recalls hearing his uncle relate his services during the services; that he was familiar with his uncle's handwriting and that he has no doubt that the handwriting of his uncle in the records of the Comptroller General is that of his uncle.

Beaufort T. Watts]

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South Carolina Laurens District} The undersigned certifies that she was the sister of the late William Pollard Deceased of Laurens District South Carolina -- that they emigrated from Culpeper County State of Virginia with their Father James Pollard preceding the Revolutionary War with Great Britain & that it comes within the knowledge of the undersigned that about the year '87 or '88 the said William Pollard was married to Elizabeth White of the District of Abbeville & State aforesaid that the said William Pollard while engaged in the service of his country was a Dragoon during the Siege of Ninety Six received a wound in his left breast -- his nipple being shot off -- and the undersigned also certifies that she aided in dressing the wound of her brother, he being at that time concealed from the enemy for several weeks & that after his recovery he reentered the service & performed duty until peace was declared. The deponent further states, that her brother the said William Pollard departed this life in June the 18th 1817 -- Subsequently the widow of the said William Pollard married Samuel Goodman & lived with him, one year & 9 months when the said Samuel Goodman died.

Margaret Watts



S/ Anna M. Ball

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State of South Carolina Laurens District: Personally came before me Margaret Watts and upon being examined makes the following declaration in order to enable the heirs at law of William Pollard deceased to obtain a pension &c to wit -- William Pollard was a resident of ninety-six district and living within four miles of the Fort at the time of the siege and that he remained a citizen of the district from that time until his death. Sworn to before me 11th day of April A.D. 1853 & given under my hand and seal of office.

S/ Margaret Watts, X her mark

S/ W. D. Watts, Judge

John P. Watts of this state and district aforesaid makes the following declaration, to wit, that Elizabeth Goodman, the formal widow of William Pollard deceased left surviving her 4 children, to wit, Matilda Pullam who is a widow, James Pollard, Franklin Pollard and Elizabeth Pollard. Sworn to before me the 11th day of April AD 1853

S/ Jno P. Watts

S/ W. D. Watts, Judge

[p 30: certificate dated November 10, 1851 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office as to the records therein relating to indents paid to William Pollard for military service during the revolution.]

[Veteran's former widow was granted a posthumous pension at the rate of \$100 per annum for her former husband's service as a private of cavalry in the South Carolina Continental line.]