

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Polly W9236 Mary Polly VA
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State of Kentucky
Perry County & Circuit Set

On this seventeenth day of Nov'r. 1825 Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record for the 15 Judicial District of Kentucky made so by Act of Assembly and proceeding according to the course of the Common law with unlimited jurisdiction before the Hon'l. Joseph Eve comes Edward Polly resident in said County aged sixty seven the 21st of Dec'r. next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provissions made by acts of Congress of the 18 of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 and under the Act of 1st March 1823 – that he the said Edward Polly enlisted as a private for the term of eighteen months on the day he does not recollect, but it was about six weeks after the defeat of Gen Horatio Gates near Camden in South Carolina [16 Aug 1780] Pittsylvania County State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt Burton (his given name forgotten but believed to be Samuel) and shortly (about two weeks) his capt marched him with his company and joined the Redjment (which he understood his company belonged to when he enlisted) commanded by Col. Gibson [John Gibson S41578] (his given name forgotten) in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of his term of service when he was discharged from the service in the county of Halifax or Brunswick in the state of Virginia at Keldens old store on big Rhone Oak [sic: Roanoke River] now by capt. Isaac Webb [S1266] to whose company he was transfered before the expiration of his time of service which discharge he has long since lost or mislaid. And pursuance of an act of the 1st 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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 (towit) Fifty acres of poor land worth

no more, One horse worth	\$50.00
& no more 8 Cattle & piggs worth	30.00
no more 8 head of sheep worth	40.00
no more 4 barrows 3 sows & 16 piggs	8.00
no more.	14.00
About \$2 or \$3. owing to him	<u>3.00</u>
	\$145.
His own debts owing him about	<u>2.50</u>
	\$142.50

He states that his Occupation is that of a farmer, but owing to his old age and the loss of a part of the strength in his left thigh he is unable to ~~support~~ to pursue his occupation. At times owing to the loss of the use of his thigh he is unable to work His wife Polly about 49 years of age but owing to a weekly constitution she is unable to support herself or to contribute but little to their support his son David about 13 years of age able to support himself his daughter Susannah about 11 years old poss'd. of good heath He states that he should have applied sooner but he was under the impression untill today that it was useless for him to apply for a pension under the Acts of Congress afs'd. if his property was worth more than \$100 and that he must prove his service by two witnesses. The difficulty of procuring two witness to attend Court, living himself 40 odd miles from the Court house and believing his property was worth more then \$100 he did not apply believing from information untill to day that his property was worth more then

\$100 he could not avail himself of the acts of Congress afs'd. Edward Polly

Anthony Hall [W1764] a reputable witness upon his Oath states that he knows of Edward Polly performing a tour of eighteen months in the Regular Army in the line of the Continental establishment under the Command of Gen'l Nathaniel Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] that he himself was a regular Soldier in s'd Army and knew s'd Polly previous to his enlistment and during his own term of service. It is the same Edward Polly who has this day filed his declaration in writing for a pension in the Court afs'd.

Anthony hisXmark Hall

Be it remembered that on the 10 of May 1826 Edward Polly came in to the Circuit Court for the County of Perry, it being a Court for the County of Perry, it being a court of Record, made so by Act of Assembly of Kentucky pursuing according to the course of the Common law law with unlimited jurisdiction, before the Hon'l. Joseph Eve Circuit Judge of the 15 Judicial District, and made the following additional declaration to a Peo:[?] and Schedule filed by him in the Court af'd. at the November term 1826 [sic] on the 17 of s'd. month who being first sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that the property described in his first Schedule afs'd. he owned on the 18 of March 1818 except the increase of some of his cattle sheep and hoggs, a portion of which he has annually kild for the support of his family – He can not recollect the given name of Colo. Gibson – Colo. Gibson was a Regular Officer of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment. Shortly after he joined Colo. Gibson, he was taken to South Carolina (from the Reg't of Colo. Gibson) and was placed under the command of Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens VAS1922] (whom he believes then was a Colo. under the command of Gen'l. Nathaniel Green. shortly after he was enlisted by Capt. Benton he was transferd to Capt. Isaac Webb's Company who marched him to the command of Gen'l. Stephens under the command of Gen'l. Green afs'd – Under Webb he served out his time of service and was discharged by him at Calders old store in the state of Virginia on Ronake in what County he does not know

Edward Polly

Joshua Mullings [Joshua Mullins W25671] aged about 70 years old, resident citizen in the County of Perry Kentucky a creditible witness states on his Oath, that he has herd read the foregoing schedule and the orriginal one to which it alludes read and he knows the statement in relation to his Revolutionary services to be true. He enlisted in Capt. Burtons companey at the same time with Edward Polly for the same term of service and served together in the army as described by said Polly and both were discharged by Capt. Webb on the same day. He has no doubt from his own knowledge that the statement of Polly as to his estate & property is correct.

Joshua Mullings

NOTES:

On 26 May 1829 Edward Polly, Sr. was living in Pike County KY.

On 7 June 1847 Mary Polly, about 80, of Letcher County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Edward Polly in Pittsylvania County VA before he was discharged from the army, and he died 19 May 1845. On 25 Oct 1847 Joshua Mullins made the following supporting statement:

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Knox County }

The Deponant Joshua Mullens who being duly sworn, and a lawful witness deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Edward Polly who has now departed this life and Mary Polly who now lives in the county of Letcher and State of Kentucky and states that the said Mary Polly was and is his sister and that her and the said Edward lived together as man and wife until his death, and that he might have been present at their marriage and thinks it most probable he was, but it has been so long he has no distinct recollection He believes that they were married before the close of the revolutionary war, but cannot state distinctly, never heard the legality of their marriage disputed & fully believes they were legally married before 1782 deponant is about 100 years old & is two or three years older than Mary, he thinks they were married in the state of Virginia and county of Pytsylvania during the revolutionary war he does not

recollect the precise day month or year. States that David [sic: Edward] Polly is the second[?] individual who for many years preceding his death drew a pension, from the treasury of the United States as a soldier during said war of the revolution [see endnote] & further Deponant sayeth not

Joshua hisXmark Mullins

On 4 Mar 1850 Mary Polly, 82, applied again for a pension, stating that she was married to Edward Polly in 1784 by a Baptist minister named Bailey. On 6 March 1851 David Polly, age 42, referred to his parents as "Edward Polly & Mary or Agnes Polly," and he stated that he had heard his father say he was married in 1784.

The file includes a copy of a deed dated 16 Apr 1787 by which Edward and Agnes Polly sold to Daniel Witcher 250 acres in Pittsylvania County. In certifying this deed Mary or Agnes Polly stated on 6 Mar 1851 that she and Edward Polly were married in 1784 and had the following 12 children, the first five of whom were born before 1794: Sally, Andrew, Polly, Agnes, Henry, Raney, Joseph, Edward, Vina, Nancy, Susanah, and David.