

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mulberry W9584

Elizabeth Mulberry

f58VA

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Bath County Kentucky Sct.

John Mulberry states that he was a soldier of the Continental Army and served altogether about four years in all that he was enlisted by Ensign Holmes in Captain William Tallioferrias [William Taliaferro's] Company 2nd Virginia Regiment for Twelve months and served out the time and was honorably discharged.

After which he enlisted for three years under Captain Walter Bowls who died before he was attached to any Company as this affiant believes. This affiant was sent as a soldier to a factory called Hunter factory where Muskets and Arms were made at which place or factory he stayed & was stationed until his time of three years expired when he was honorably discharged – But he stayed at the Factory for ten or twelve years. That he has lost his discharge. That the first Enlistment was in September 1775 at Stafford County near Falmouth about three miles from Williamsburg and his discharge at the end of the Twelve months. In his 2nd Enlistment was about three or four months after the discharge and his second Enlistment was at the same place of the first. He is a Citizen of Kentucky and in indigent Circumstances and unable to labor to labor [sic] for his subsistence by reason of his shoulder being dislocated so that he cannot lift up his left arm. He claims the Pension allowed him by law because he is indigent and unable to obtain a subsistence by Labor as by any other means – And therefore claims his pension that he has no evidence of his services aforesaid except the statement of Captain Nathaniel Rolls to be here Offered –

Captain Nathaniel Rolls states that he is well acquainted with the above named John Mulberry and knows of his own knowledge that said John was Enlisted as above stated. And that he served for Twelve months in the Continental Army as is stated – He has heard and believes that said John Enlisted for the said 3 years but does not state that fact on his own knowledge – He says that said John is in Indigent circumstances and is a Cripple in his shoulder and not able to obtain a living by person [sic] labor.

State of Kentucky Bath Circuit Sct.

Ordered that it be certified to the Secretary of War that the preceding Examination of John Mulberry and Nathaniel Rolls was taken on oath in open court and that it does appear to the Satisfaction of this Court by said examination that the said applicant John Mulberry was during the revolutionary war and enlisted soldier and that he served as such as in said examination is stated and that he said John Mulberry is in such needy & Indigent Circumstances as to require the aid of his Country provided by the Act of Congress in such cases provided – The foregoing Statements in open court in due form of law.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto Se [sic, set] my hand and of affixed the seal of my office this 17th day of June 1818 and the 27th day of the Commonwealth

Att.

S/ Thomas Triplett, Clerk

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Kentucky Bath Circuit Court September Term 1820

John Mulberry a Revolutionary pensioner produced in Open Court a Schedule of his Estate and made oath together with John Sett and Francis Hopkins to the same agreeable to law in such cases made and provided, whereupon the same was examined and the court being satisfied there with Ordered it to be recorded in the words and figures following, to wit, State of Kentucky County of Bath

On the 21st day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record the Circuit of the said County of Bath for the said Circuit John Mulberry aged 65 years resides in said County of Bath in said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as followeth: in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Woodford Captain William Tolliver's Company served in said Regiment one year and was discharged in September 1776 at Springfield Camp Virginia in the year 1778 September he again enlisted for three years under Captain Wounds and served out his full term and was discharged in Williamsburg, 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

John Mulberry

One Oald [old] mare worth	\$15
One Young mare worth	30
One Coalt [colt] worth	14
horned Cattle worth	31.50
household furniture including two Beads [Beds]	
in all worth	60.00
about 40 small hogs or pigs in all worth	<u>40</u>
	\$90.50

He has a wife and three daughters all of whom are living with him except one who is married. The said Fanny about 26 years of age, Cela about 23 years of age, Mary 20 years of age.

S/ John Mulberry

[p 32: On October 12, 1835 in Bath County Kentucky, the veteran applied for a basement pension certificate. He signed this document as follows

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mulberry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Mulberry".

[p 13: On March 23, 1837 in Scott County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency giving as his reason for removing from the state of Kentucky to Indiana "that having become very aged and infirm as also his wife and so much so as to need the care and assistance of their friends, they found it necessary to removed to Scott County in the State of Indiana and put themselves under the care and protection of Thomas Spiller Esquire of said County who is the son of this affiant's wife who has kindly offered &

undertaken to discharge the duties of a son towards them." The veteran signed this document with his mark¹. The identity of the veteran is attested to by Thomas Spiller

Thomas Spiller

[p 18: On August 12, 1850 in Scott County Indiana, William H English gave testimony that John Mulberry married Elizabeth Spillers [sic] on August 22, 1792 in Scott County Kentucky; that John Mulberry died April 14th, 1838 in Scott County Indiana; that Elizabeth Mulberry continued to be the widow of John Mulberry until her death in Scott County Indiana on November 25, 1842 leaving children by the said John her surviving Fanny Drain and Mary Hopkins.]

[p 23: On September 20, 1850 in Lawrence County Illinois, Thomas Spillar [sic] gave testimony that he is the son of Elizabeth Mulberry by her first husband; that his mother married John Mulberry in Scott County Kentucky August 22, 1792; that they were married by a Baptist preacher by the name of Craig; that John Mulberry died at the affiant's house in Scott County Indiana; that Elizabeth remained John Mulberry's widow until her death at the affiant's house in Scott County Indiana on November 25, 1842.

Tho: Spiller]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 17, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

¹ In a separate affidavit, the veteran states he no longer can sign his name as result of the palsy.