

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mulherin (Mulheren, Mulherrin) W9585 Elizabeth f34SC
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State of Missouri County of Pike:

On this twenty fourth day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court for the aforesaid County now sitting John Mulheren a resident of the County & State aforesaid of about 74 years of age who being first 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That I entered the service under Colonel Andrew Pickens of the South Carolina Militia and Francis Logan Captain. They were from the Ninety Six District of said State of South Carolina I think in the year 1777 in the spring Went down to St Augustine in Florida,¹ when we arrived there found the enemy too strongly fortified and returned home on our way down we joined the regulars on the River St. John's they having come round by water. Andrew Williamson General had command of the Militia until they met the regulars when the regulars took command from this campaign we returned home having been absent about 3 or 4 months.

During the year 1778, I was out frequently guarding stations & the frontiers but not in any regular campaign was under the same officers.

In the spring of '79 there was a call from the State of Georgia when I again went out under the same Colonel & Captain Armstrong Heard [sic, Armstrong Herd], we were marched into Georgia do not recollect the name of the County. Here we had an engagement with the British & Tories does not recollect by whom they were commanded. In this engagement I was wounded in the left thigh. I received my wound in the following manner, Herd's company was ordered to take possession of a new house to annoy the British in a Fort which had been built by the country people to protect themselves from the Creek Indians on our way to this house one of our men was shot in the arm I was diverted to take care of him and carried him back to a branch out of range of shots after I had placed him out of danger on my return in going up the hill I was shot as above stated.² I was carried home and continued confined to bed for neigh 2 months. After I recovered of my wound I removed to Kentucky, then attached to Virginia to a place called

¹ <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution11.html> Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778

² This MAY be a reference to the action at Carr's Fort on February 10, 1779.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Latest-News-Wires/2013/0506/Frontier-fort-found-Revolutionary-War-battle-in-Georgia> & www.thelamarinstitute.org/images/PDFs/publication_189.pdf

Logan's Station. I was wounded about the 4th of February '79, arrived at the Logan's Station about June following & in October we removed to Tennessee and settled the spot on which the City of Nashville now stands, lived there about 8 years. Then moved back to Kentucky to Bourbon County, lived there 30 years. From there I removed in the year 1817 to Missouri since which time I have lived at the same place on which I now reside. I was born 15th of January 1758 in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. I have a record of my age taken from my father's Bible transcribed into mine & now in my possession. I lived in the 96th District before mentioned in South Carolina and was between 15 & 16 years of age when I entered the service I never stood a draft but volunteered every time I went into the service. I cannot state the name of any of the regular officers or of their regiments. I never received a commission or discharge and all the papers which I have in relation to my services are in the war department I forwarded them through N. B. Tucker Esquire the receipt acknowledged by a letter from the Department dated April 17th 1829.³ Amongst these papers I expect will be found the depositions of Lieutenant Heard & others proving the facts of my service. From the letter above referred to it appears that I was refused a pension on account of not having served in the Continental & Regular line also my property was thought sufficient to support me. Reference may be had to the above papers: I am known to John McCune Esquire for about 40 years & to Mr. Benjamin Barton for near 20 years & they can testify to my standing & character for veracity & good behavior & I refer the Department to the papers above mentioned for the proof of my services. There is no person living near here by whom I can prove my services in the war. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State to my knowledge.

S/ John Mulherin



Subscribed & sworn to the day & year first above written in open Court

S/ Levi Pettibone, Clerk Circuit Court

[John McCune & Benjamin Barton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John H. Hughes, a clergyman of the Unitarian Baptist Church, and Joseph Baseys, a deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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The Amended Declaration of John Mulherrin to his Declaration made on the 4th day of September in the year 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County of Pike in the State of Missouri John Mulherrin who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

For 3 months I served as a private in the company of South Carolina Militia commanded by Francis Logan as it is set forth in my declaration of the 4th of September 1832. This service in the year 1777.

³ Unfortunately this file does not contain the prior application to which the veteran refers in his original declaration nor does the file contain the supporting documentation to which he refers or the letter to Tucker.

For six months in the year 1778 I served as a private in different companies part of the term in the company commanded by Captain Francis Logan of South Carolina militia this service consisted in guarding different stations and the frontiers.

And for such services and other services set forth in my Declaration I claim a pension and as a reason for not forwarding certificates of the credibility of Charles Heard, George Askins⁴ and John Buchanan whose certificates are on file in the pension office he says that the said persons reside or did reside in the State of Tennessee Davidson County that from his age and infirmity he is unable to procure their certificates again that they are respectable persons and that this fact he believes is known to the Honorable Felix Grundy member of the Senate to whom he asks leave to refer for proof of these facts but if a certificate of their credibility is required he will endeavor to furnish them in due time.

S/ John Mulherrin

[p 5: On August 19, 1852 in Pike County Missouri, Elizabeth Mulherin, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of John Mulherin; that he departed life February 22, 1850; that he was a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$30 per annum; that she married him on January 31st, 1789; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: Certificate dated January 23, 1851 from the Clerk of Bourbon County Kentucky stating that the records in that County reflect on a list of marriages returned by Richard Durret that John Mulherrin and Elizabeth Ruddell [?]⁵ were married on license obtained 31st January 1789.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

⁴ [George Askins W9334](#)

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