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Pension Application of Thomas Pullen S15847

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State of Virginia Bedford County Sct.

On this 25th day of November One thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before David Suanders Robert Campbell William Mead and Balda McDaniel the County Court of Bedford now sitting Thomas Pullen a resident of the County of Bedford aforesaid in the state of Virginia aged seventy years the 15th December one thousand Eight hundred thirty two 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 after stated to wit – That he was drafted out of a company commanded by Captain Charles Callaway in the County of Bedford where he then resided and was marched to New London in the County of Campbell [in Bedford County until 1782] where he served a tour of three months employed in guarding some Tories then confined in the Jail and other houses there, the guard was part of the time under the command of Captain Cotterall [sic: John Cotrell] and the other part of said tour under the command of Capt Nathan Reid of the Regular army. he served principally under the latter Officer. the month and year is not distinctly recollected when he was regularly discharged, but does not recollect whether it was in writing. if so it is lost or mislaid. this discharge was given by [blank]

That during that tour of duty he arrested and secured [blank] a deserter and delivered him to Captain William Reid who knew him to be a deserter who had enlisted in the Army of the United States during the war, and for which by the rules and regulations then in force he became entitled to a credit for a three months tour of duty. In 1781, then too residing in the county of Bedford he was drafted out of a militia company commanded by [blank] to go to North Carolina against the British commanded by Lord Cornwallis; before however he joined the American Army under the command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] he enlisted as a volunteer in a company commanded by Cap. Jacob Moon, the ensign Thomas Lumpkin, and was then attached to a regiment of riflemen commanded by Col. Charles Lynch. He was marched through many parts of North Carolina with Colo. Washingtons [William Washington's] corps of light horse, between the armies of Green & Cornwallis reconnoitering and was in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. this tour commenced early in January 1781 and ended in April of the same year making three months when he was regularly discharged by [blank] by order of [blank] if in writing it is lost or mislaid. He has no register of his age but recollects his parents telling him that he was born in Lancaster County Virginia on the 15th day of December 1761, and when very young his father removed to the county of Bedford, where the Declarant has resided ever since. that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove the facts required, nor any living person save Henry Adams [pension application W5595] by whose evidence he can prove some of the facts above set forth. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

There being no clergyman in the neighbourhood of the Declarant of age sufficient to speak on oath of the transactions of the Revolutionary War, we Henry Brown [probably pension application S8098] and Henry Adams of Bedford County and State of Virginia citizens residing neighbours to Thomas Pullen the Declarant do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the said Thomas Pullen who has subscribed & sworn to the above Declaration, and believe him to be a man of truth and of the age he states in the above declaration, and that he is reputed & believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before the Court aforesaid.

Henry Brown

Henry Adams

Virginia Bedford County

I Henry Adams aged years of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Thomas Pullen of the said County and State, served in the same company with me a tour of duty in General Greens army in North Carolina during the Revolutionary War, the company was commanded by Cap'n Jacob Moon and we were in the Battle of Guilford the tour of duty was three months. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, before the Court aforesaid. Henry Adams
Bedford County Sct.

This day Captain William Arthur [S6528] personally appeared before William R. Jones a justice of the peace for said County & made oath that to the best of his recollection that he served a tour of duty with Cap. Thomas Pullin [see endnote] as a private at that time under Captain Nathan Reid who had the command of a detachment of men under him for the purpose of guarding the magazine at the Town of New London now Campbell then Bedford County – as well as I can now recollect the Tower of duty commenced about the first of June 1781 and served a three months Tower of duty at that time. Given under my hand this 25th day of November eighteen hundred and thirty three

William Arthur Wm. R. Jones J.P.

The Court of Bedford aforesaid now sitting propounded to Thomas Pullen, the Declarant the Interrogatories following

1st Where and in what year were you born? – Answer – I was born in Lancaster County Virginia in the year 1761.

2nd Have you any record of your age if so where is it– Answer. I have no record of my age, but have it from the information of my father & mother which I well recollect.

3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live? Answer– I was living in Bedford County Virginia when called into service, in Bedford County I have lived since the Revolutionary war and in Bedford I now live

4th How were you called into service, where you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom. Answer I was drafted the first tour, the second tour I was again drafted to go to North Carolina against the British commanded by Cornwallis, but before I joined the main American army commanded by General Green, I enlisted as a volunteer in Cap. Jacob Moons company

5th State the names of some of the regular officers, the regiments continental and militia and general circumstances. Answer. Captain Nathan Reid at New London, at Guilford General Green, Colonels [Henry] Lee & Washington. Lees Regiment of horse and Washingtons corps the same, and there Green commanded the regular army & militia. the only prominent circumstance at New London was that of my taking and delivering up a deserter to captain Nathan Reid, and in North Carolina at the Battle of Guilford.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service. if so by whom given and what has become of it. Answer. altho' regularly discharged I cannot recollect whether the discharges were verbal or in writing, if in writing they have been mislaid or lost and were given the first by Cotterall, the other by Nathan Reid.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in you present neighbourhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and belief of your having been a Soldier of the Revolution. Answer Henry Brown & Henry Adams.

NOTES:

The reference by William Arthur to Thomas Pullen as a Captain suggests that Pullen was an officer after the Revolutionary War.

A Treasury-Department document indicates that the administrator of Thomas Pullen's estate received the final pension payment up 31 Jan 1844, the date of his death.