Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Sullins VAS2524

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[The following are from <u>rejected claims in the Library of Virginia</u>. Compare these documents with those of James Blake VAS2523.]

To his excellency The Governor & The Honbl Privy Council of the commonwealth of Virginia.

Your memorialist Richard Sullins, Rosy Hun Sullins Polly Sullins – James Sullins Ann Rice who was Ann Lansum the niece of William Sullins deceased and Ann Blake the wife of the nephew of William Sullins Beg leave respectfully to represent that their ancestor William Sullins formerly of King William County some time about the fall of the year 1776 enlisted as a soldier in the Virginia continental line in the war of the revolution at a place or muster ground then called Butlers old field in the County of King William for three years or during the war

That the said William Sullins served as a soldier in the revolutionary army of the United States until he was wounded or had his thigh broken of which wound he died as they flatter themselves they will be able to prove to your satisfaction under the foregoing circumstances you memorialist are advised that said William Sullins at the time of his death was entitled by the law of the land to military land bounty for his services as a soldier in the Virginia Continental line during the revolutionary war, & to which they are now entitled as his only heirs and distributees

They therefore respectfully pray that your Honble body will allow them so much land as they by law are entitled to under the above mentioned circumstances and will direct the register of the land office of Virginia to issue a warrant or warrants for the Land

They beg leave to refer the accompanying documents marked A. B. & C as evidence in support of their claim & as in duty bound will ever pry &c &c – as witness our hand and seals this 29 day of July 1835.

Richard Sullins/ Rosy Ann herXmark Sullins/ Polly herXmark Sullins/ James hisXmark Sullins [The above named applicants also signed a power of attorney to Robert B. Gaines.]

The affidavit of Mary Bone of the County of King William, aged seventy five years. This affiant being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that she was well acquainted with William Sullens of the same County and well knows that the said William Sullens enlisted into the revolutionary army of the United States, as a common soldier, and that the said Sullens never has returned home again to his family, who resided in the County of King William, but who, The said Sullins enlisted under she does not now recollect, Further the affiant saith not. Given from under my hand this 16 day of October 1834.

Teste/ John Cardwell

Mary herXmark Bone

The affidavit of John Butler of King William County aged seventy one years. This affiant being duly sworn according to law saith, that he was well acquainted with William Sullins of the aforesaid County, and that he well knows that the said Sullins enlisted as a common soldier in the revolutionary army of the United States for three years. The said Sullins enlisted at a muster ground on the land on which I then and now live. The said Sullins went into the revolutionary army shortly after he enlisted, and never more returned again, having been thrown by a horse whilst in the army, which broke his thigh, of which wound he the said Sullins died. Further this affiant sayeth not.

Given from under my hand this 17 day of October 1834 [signed] John Butler

The affidavit of Samuel Rice of King William County aged sixty seven years. This affiant being duly sworn according to law saith that he was well acquainted with William Sullins of the aforesaid named County and perfectly recollects that the said Sullins enlisted into the revolutionary army of the United States for three years, as a common soldier and well knows that the said Sullins enlisted at a muster fround

called then Butlers old field, on which land John Bultler then and now lives & the said Sullins went into the revolutionary army soon after he enlisted and never returned again, and I understood that his thigh was broken from a fall from a horse, of which wound he died in the army. Further this affiant saith not Given from under my hand this 17 day of October 1834 [signed] Samuel S Q Rice

[The following document pertains to a different William Sullins (VAS2525).]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 2nd day of November 1784 in the name of William Sullins as a Soldier of Infantry for €35.12.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Wm Reynolds and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 20th day of August 1835.

J. Adam Smith 1 Clk/ Acting AUDITOR.

Report on the claim of the heirs of William Sullins dec'd. late a soldier, in the Continental line, for bounty land for his services.

To the Governor/Sir.

Several witnesses have given testimony in support of this claim – They say, that Wm Sullins enlisted in the Continental army, for 3, or five, years – that he immediately after his enlistment went into service, and never return'd home. one witness says that after his term of 3 or 5 years had expir'd, he reenlisted for and during the war – (see the affidavits of Mary Power – John Butler – Samuel Squire Rice – and of Edmund Beadles – the last mention'd aff't is fil'd among the Papers accompanying the Petition of the heirs of James Blake [VAS2523] for bounty land.)

Wm Sullin's name is on the Army Register (see the auditors Certificate,)

It appears, that Wm Sullins, a Soldr of Infantry, in the Continental line, has receiv'd (or his heirs receivd for his services) 200 acres of land.

The foregoing facts are all which I have it in my power to report, in relation to the claim of Wm Sullins heirs.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com[missione]r &c/ August 21, 1835