Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Daniel Sullivan: S7661

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Sessions for the Burke County } fourth Monday of January 1833.

On the 29th day [sic] of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices now holding said court Daniel Sullivan, a resident citizen of Burke County State of North Carolina aged 70 or thereabouts, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated

That in the fall of 1780 or thereabouts or he is very certain at the time that General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was marching on through Virginia to the South the year before the Battle of Guilford he was called on to march and join Green he was a private malitia man only 16 or 17 years of age under the Command of Colonel Peter Perkins of the Pytsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania malitia. his Captain was Thomas Smith when he first marched. he cannot recollect the Term for which they marched but recollects that they were all Volunteers & at this time served upwards six months before we were discharged for he never was discharged till the Summer after the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 March 1781]. In the fall of the same year we were ordered out by Col [Abram] Penn of the [Henry County] Virginia Malitia under Captain [William] Cloud to oppose the Tories on New River over the mountains the Tour was for 3 months as well as he can recollect. The next tour of Duty was from the same place under Major [John] Marr against the Tories down about the Moravian Towns in Stokes County N Carolina [formed from Surry County in 1789]. we were then mounted & found our own horses never called on to go but he marched on alway a volunteer: that he has no dockumentary Evidence of his services except the annexed affidavit marked (A) and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove the same

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension list roll of the agency of any state Sworn to & subscribed in open court 28th January 1832 Daniel hisXmark Sullivan (questions by the court)

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Pytsylvania Virginia March 2nd 1763.

Ouestion 2nd Have you any record of your age? if so where is it?

I have no record of my age except a memorandum taken from the records of the County Court of Pytsylvania when I was bound out when a child. I am ignorant of writing & have to depend on what is told me by others who have examined for me.

Question 3rd where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary war: and where do you now live?

I lived in the County of Pytsylvania Virginia when called into service & for 5 year after I lived there & in the adjoining County of Henry. & then moved to this County where I now live.

Question 4th How were you called into service were you Drafted, a volunteer or a substitute? I can answer that question only in the way that our orders from our officers were that as the Enemy was coming on us we must join General Orders so I marched according to order & I suppose must be called a volunteer - and I was always called on in the same way, for we often went out against the tories.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers (Continental) who were with the troops, were you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

I with the others under Colonel Perkins joined Greens army near Banister Bridge not far from Halifax old town in Va. [Henry] Lee's Legion was with him & Colonel [William]

Washington with his light horse. I continued with them untill just before the battle of Guilfor when I was furloughed to go home and get better clothing & other comforts (for my house was not more than 50 or 60 miles from Guilford Courthouse) I reached the army again the morning after the battle. I then was placed in the Light infantry under the command of Colonel Washington. from the old iron works [Troublesome Iron Works now in Rockingham County NC] we kept in close pursuit or Harrassing of Cornwallis till near Cambden [see note below]. I was at a place joining Camden called Log Town and saw it burning after it was set on fire by the british as was said: in about a month after I was permitted to return home and when Captain [Josiah] Shaw who then commanded did come home he gave me my discharge and pay. When I was out against the Tories of new River Cloud was our Commanding officer we were stationed near the flour Gap of the Blue Ridge about the head of Dan River [sic: Flower Gap in present Carroll County VA] to disperse the Tories. after being there a while it was orated that they the tories were dispersed we were permitted to return home in a few days after we were called upon again & away we went. When with General Greens army I was commonly kept on Fatigue duty with the company & the stores. When serving against the Tories we were never regularly discharged in writing for the Tories fled & skulked about in such a way that we did never know where our enemy were or where we would have to fight. I served in all much more than six months

Question 6. Did you ever receive a discharge & by whom was it given & what has become of it? I once rec'd a discharge from Captain Shaw after the campaigne in the Battle of Guilford & our march to Cambden but I have lost it.

Question 7th State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify at to your character for veracity and good behavior & your services in the revolution?

I know of no person in my neighborhood except Richard Bird who is here whose testimony I can obtain he is now in court & I expect he will make affedavit for me Sworn to in open Court 28th January AD 1833 Dan'l hisXmark Sullivan

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State of N. Carolina } Wheras I have caused Joseph Pyatt to come before me James G
Burk County } England one of the acting Justices for said County at the request
of Daniel Sulivan and being Duly sworn and examined said that in the spring of the year after
the battle at Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] he the said Joseph Pyatt saith that he was returning
home from army and not far from Salisbury North Carolina he met the said Daniel Sulivan with
his knapsack and said Sulivan said he was from the army and further says he recollects of
hearing said Sulivan say or state how they went down to Logtown And shot at the Britchist and
this deponent further saith not Sworn to and subscrib this 25th day of January 1833
[signed] Joseph Pyatt

NOTE: After the Battle of Guilford Courthouse Cornwallis did not return to South Carolina but invaded Virginia. Gen. Greene did not pursue Cornwallis. On 25 Apr 1781 he engaged the British at Hobkirk Hill near Camden. The British were victorious but abandoned Camden on 9 May after burning their fortifications at Log Town.