

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Avery Mustain W7488 Mary Mustain VA
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State of Virginia }
County of Pittsylvania } Sct

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before David H. Clark, Wm S. Pannill, Coleman D. Bennett & John A. Clark the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting Avery Mustain a resident of Camden Parish in the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia aged 76 years 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 was born 26th February 1756 near where he now lives, about 1st June 1776 he volunteered under Thomas Dilliard [Thomas Dillard] Capt., John Heard Lieut, Robert Dalton Ensign and marched to Guyns [sic: Gwynn] Island Va near the mouth of the Peanketank [sic: Piankatank] River and assisted in driving off Lord Dunmore, the then Governor of Va [11 Jul 1776]. There was no officer of higher grade than Capt. on the side of the River he was stationed. While there an express arrived and he marched with his Company to the Tennessee River in the [now] state of Tennessee against the Cherokee nation of Indians. in this expedition Heard was Capt. (Capt. Dilliard having thrown up) Dalton was Lieut. & Turly Choice [sic: Tully Choice, pension application W3774] Ensign. After arriving at New London Va. [in present Campbell County] they were attached to the command of Colo. Charles Lewis of Albemarle Va. He forgets his Maj'r. Capt. [Joseph] Martin (afterwards Gen'l. Martin of Henry Cty Va.) commanded a company in the expedition. After arriving on the Holston River, Colo Wm Christian [William Christian] being the oldest officer was first in command. after arriving in the Indian Territory (the enemy having deserted their homes) they burnt up their Houses and Corn and Eat their Potatoes. all of his Company returned thence home. No discharges were given and all returned with their Captain a few days before Christmass 1776. About the first of May 1780 he was drafted to go to the South. Isaac Clement Capt (forgets the name of Lieut. and Ensign) he marched by Peter Perkins on Dan River Va where he met several companys, by Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] N.C. where he met with many troops and the following officers, General [Edward] Stevens who was the Commander, Colonels Richerson [sic: Holt Richeson] & Faulkner [Ralph Falkner] and Maj'r Henry Conway. thence he marched towards Camden S.C. crossing the Big & Little Peedee [sic: Pee Dee] and a few miles this side of Camden he met with General's [Horatio] Gates, DeKalb and [William] Smallwood and next day was in the Battle in which the Americans were defeated [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. He then returned home about the last of August 1780 and received a discharge. In February 1781 he volunteered under Gabriel Shelton Capt., James Waid Lieut. & Vincent Shelton Ensign. Capt Shelton left his company and he was then commanded by Capt Thomas Smith, crossed Dan River at Boyds Ferry, crossed Haw river in North Carolina & after marching to & fro for a while returned home after being absent 4 or 5 weeks & was not in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. In August 1781 he was drafted to go to the siege of York Town Va [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. William Dix Capt., David Hurt Lieut, Clem McDaniel [Clement McDaniel] Ensign. after arriving at York Town, Capt Dix was succeeded by Capt. Charles Williams. He assisted in raising breast works & Batterys; after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, he was detailed and marched to Nolands Ferry on the Potowmac [sic: Potomac] river with the Prisoners and at Leesburg he received a discharge about the last of November 1781 which he has lost. He hereby relinquishes 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 – Avery Mustain

NOTE: On 18 Mar 1839 Mary Mustain, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married Avery Mustain in March 1783, and he died 31 Aug 1833. John Neal (pension application S5810) certified stated that he had served with Avery Mustain at the siege of Yorktown and had witnessed his marriage to Mary Barber,

officiated by John Baily, a Baptist preacher. The file includes a family record written on the back of the title page of a New Testament printed in 1801, transcribed below.

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*edgester of the Names of the Sons and Daughters of Avery *n and Mary His wife/ Drury Mustain was born *ch the 17th day 1783/ Joel Mustain was born Frebruary * day 1785/ Seludy Mustain was born March 31st day 1787 * Mustain was born May 6th 1789/ Shadrack Mustain was *n July the 11th 1792 Molley Avery Mustain was born August 21st 1794

*ood Mustain was bon Sept 27th 1796

*as Mustain was bon Decr. 29th 1798

*abeth Mustain was born March 7th 1801

Clark H. Moore was born In the year the year of our Lord 1807

Clark H. Moore was Born February the 7 Day in the year of Lord 1807

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[illegible] Feb 12[?] 1810

Elizabeth Dalton was born July 25th 1813