## **Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Braxton C. [Braxton] Pollard S14194 Transcribed by Will Graves

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I Braxton Pollard of the County of Pendleton in the State of Kentucky do hereby Declare that I Enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was Sergeant in Captain William Armistead's Company in Colonel Charles Dabney's Regiment of Lite [Light] Dragoons of the Virginia troops, and I also declare that I was entitled to receive a Certificate for the Reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolution of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1778 and I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States.

Brawler Pollard

NB I further Declare that I never received a Certificate for the Reward of \$80 nor for the Service of 3 years and one month except one months Pay and I further declare that my Discharge is lost or mislaid so that it cannot be had.

S/ Braxton Pollard

We the undersigned do Certify that we were well acquainted with Braxton Pollard whose name is annexed to the foregoing declaration previous to his enlistment in the war of the Revolution, and although we were not in the service with him, we are satisfied he did enlist, and as we lived in the immediate neighborhood of said Pollard, we [well recollect his return and that we saw his discharge.

Given under our hands this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1829

S/ John Chinn S/W. B. Chinn S/ J. Pollard

**Revolutionary Claims** Treasury Department,

16 February 1829

Braxton Pollard of in the County of Pendleton in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Sergeant in Captain \_\_ 's Company, in

the Colonel Dabney's regiment of the Virginia (Cavalry) line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department, Third Auditor's Office, 21<sup>st</sup> February 1829

It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_

It further appears that Braxton Pollard is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.

The name of Braxton Pollard cannot be found among those of the Virginia line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

General Land Office February 25<sup>th</sup> 1829

The name of Braxton Pollard does not appear on the list of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond, Virginia, so far as they have been received

S/G. W. Graham, Commissioner

War Department: Bounty land office 7 May 1829

The records of this office do not show that Braxton Pollard of the Virginia line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

State of Kentucky Pendleton County Sct.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of the County of Pendleton, now sitting Braxton Pollard, a resident of said County of Pendleton, and State aforesaid, aged seventy-two 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in April or May 1780, as well as he now recollects, he enlisted for and during the War in Captain William Armistead's company of Virginia Light Dragoons, commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney, and served until May 1783, when he received an Honorable discharge which he has lost or misplaced. That he was at the taking of Cornwallis at the siege of York [October 19, 1781] and assisted in guarding the prisoners up to Winchester Virginia where he was taken with the smallpox & continued until the spring 1783, and was stationed at Richmond Virginia, where he remained until he was discharged in May 1783. That he lived in Loudon [Loudoun] County, State of Virginia at the time he entered the militia service of said State of Virginia: That he enlisted in Hanover County in said

State, whilst on his March in the militia from the great lapse of time he cannot recollect the different Counties he passed through, that he served with no Continental troops until the taking of Cornwallis at the siege of York: He was then with General Washington, Lafayette &c; He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure within a reasonable distance who can testify to his service, but has no doubt but his name can be found on the rolls of the State Troops of Virginia. That he served as a Sergeant in said company of Light Dragoons. 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 or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Virginia. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Braxton C Pollard

[the above is a certified copy of the original]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Pendleton County Sct/

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County & Commonwealth aforesaid Braxton C Pollard who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time that he served as Sergeant or Corporal, and he may have been mistaken as to which capacity he served in but one thing he can't state positively that he enlisted in the spring of 1780 for during the war & served until the spring of 1783, and he can also state positively that he served three years & some few days, and during nearly the whole of which he served, he discharge the duty of Sergeant or Corporal, for that was one of the conditions of his enlistment, which condition was complied with, and soon after his enlistment he received the appointment of his officers accordingly – and as the rolls all the best evidence of the capacity in which he served; he would therefore state that he served in the capacity of a Corporal or Sergeant during his whole length of service which was for 3 years, with the exception of a few days he served as a private.

Braxlon, C. Pollard

Subscribed & sworn to this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832

[Facts in file: Soldier died September one, 1840; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$108 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Corporal for 2 years in the Virginia service.]