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Kentucky

John Polly

Adair Co. in the State of Kentucky

he was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Mellon of the regt commanded by Col in the Regt of Militia nine month.

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky at the rate of 30 Dollars — Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 23 day of January 1834 — and sent to Wm Owens Columbia Kentucky

Arrears to the 4th of Sept 1833 — 75 —
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$ 90. —

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Rec Letter 23 Jany 34
to Wm Jennings Pm C.F.
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Ken. Certificate of Pension
returned to this office on
dead letter and found to Wm Owens
at Columbia Ken 3 March 1834

Entered on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of $80 per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 28 day of January 1834 to Wm Owens
Columbia Kentucky

Arrears to the 4th of March 1833 75
Semi-ann. allowance ending 4th Sept 1833 15

$90.

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State of Kentucky Adair County Court
January Term 1838

On this 7 day of January 1838 personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Justices of the County Court of Adair County in and for the State of Kentucky now sitting John Polly Sen. a Resident Citizen of the County and State of aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law 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 as a private volenteer Militiaman in the year 1777 for the term of six months under Capt James Shelton Lieut Tirley Chance, Ensign William Ferguson, in the County of Pittsylvania state of virginia he was immediately marched to the Flower gap near the Blue Ridge where he was stationed about two months as a guard to the frontier from there he was marched to Fort Chiset on New River where

they were Joined to another Capt
Company whose name he does not
now Recollect he was kept there for
Some time and had a Battle with
the Enemy after which he was
marched back to Flower gap where
he Remained in Service guarding
Stores until his term of Service
Expired having Served full six months
was then marched to Colo Hughes
where he was Honorably discharged
by his Capt and Returned home
he again in the year 1778 in the Same
County and State as before stated he
Marched in the month of March entered
the Service of the united States as a
Volenteer Militia man for three
Months under Capt Thomas Brown
Lieut Joel M Crary Ensign Elliot
his christain name not now
Recollected he was Engaged the whole
of this tour in escorting Public provisions
Clothing & munitions of war from Pay
tonsburg Virg to Salisbury North Caro
lina & other places as ordered in
this tour he faithfully Served this
Country three months and was

at Paytonsburg Honorably discharged and
returned home he still continued a citizen
of the same County & state and in the
latter part of the year 1782 he entered
under Capt Gurley choice for and
during the war and voluntarily entered
the service as a regular soldier he
marched to Bar River where he was
joined to General Greene's army and
attached to Maj Walker's Battalion he remained
there for a considerable time and was mar
ched to various points and places sometimes
in Carolina and in Virginia and in this
way he was kept for a long time march
ing from place to place as he under
stood in the summer & fall of 1781 was
to divert the Enemy but so it is he
kept as he was commanded in this
way he continued in service untill the
final conclusion of peace which he
thinks was in 1783 but he states most
positively that in this last mentioned
service he was engaged in the service
for upwards of three years. he was after
the close of the war Honorably discharged
by his Capt, and thus his services

ended for which he has received no compensation, he states that he received discharges in writing for each of his tours but at that time did not know they would be of any service to him as long time either lost or mislaid them so that he cannot find them or any of them nor can he know where they are he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, he further states that he was born in Pitsylvania County State of Virginia in the year 1760 as he has always been informed by his parents which he believes to be true he never heard them speak of his birth being any other time than the one stated he has no register of his birth he continued a citizen of Pitsylvania County Virg until after the close of the war when he moved to and settled in the State of South Carolina in Camden District, where he married and resided about 12 years when he removed to Washington County (now) in the State of Tennessee where he remained untill the year 1803 when he moved to the State

of Kentucky and settled in the neighbor-
hood of the place where he now resides
and in which neighbourhood and the
place he now lives he has ever since
resided he hereby Relinquishes every claim
whatever to a pension or annuity except
the present and declares his name is
not on the Pension Roll of the agency
of any State Sworn to and Subscribed
the day & year aforesd. John Polly

We Franklin Berry & John W Garrett
Residing in the County of Adair hereby certify that we
are well acquainted with John Polly Senr who has subs-
cribed and sworn to the above declaration that we
believe him to be 72 years of age that he is reputed and
believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to
have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we
concur in that opinion
Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesd

Franklin Berry
John W Garrett

And the said court do hereby declare their
opinion after the investigation of the matter and after
putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war
department that the above named applicant
was a revolutionary soldier and served as he
states. And the said court do further certify
and declare their opinion that John W Garrett
and Franklin Berry who have signed said
certificate are residents of the County of Adair

State of Kentucky } ss.
Adair County }

The amended declaration of John Polly for pension

Be it remembered that on this 17 day of May 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Adair aforesaid John Polly who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of all his service and the various incidents that happened during the war but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grades

He states positively that he served as a volenteer malitiaman six months under Capt James Shelton and he also states positively that he served three months as a volenteer malitiaman under Captain Thomas Brown as he has stated in his original declaration, and presumes he need not again set forth the particulars as he has in his former declaration hereto annexed stated the events respecting the two aforesaid tours with as much precision as he can recollect

he states that he may have been mistaken in his original declaration as to the line he enlisted in it may be that he is ignorant of the difference between the virginia state line and continental troops but he positively states that he did enlist under Captain Finly Choice in the year 1780 as stated in his former declaration, and upon reflection

he is now able to state that he was in Colo
williams Regiment General Hugans Brigade
He was joined to that Corps at a place Called
the high Rock ford he well recollects that
he was in several skirmishes with
Cornwallis troops while on this march
to Guilford Courthouse, that he was in
that Battle he well recollects that
General Hugar was wounded in that
he recollects General Stephens was also
wounded he recollect that some short
time after the battle at guilford he
was marched on to fort watson where
there was some skirmishing but the parti
culars he does not recollect so well
as to venture a particular discription
he recollects Marion was there he
further states that he was at the
Battle at Camden he was also at the
Siege of 96. Sometime thereafter he
cannot state how long it was Gnl
Greene marched on to Virginia and the
declarant under Capt Choice and
Colo Williams was marched on to the
North through Maryland into pennsyl
vania he recollects being at Hagerstown
& Lancaster where the quarted for a consid erable
time and marched to various places & forts
in maryland and pennsylvania he
did not join the main army as ain
But was not discharged until after peace was made
until the surrender of Cornwallis he positive
ly states that he faithfully served six months
as a malitiaman as before stated as also the
three months tour and that he served in
each of them with an [illegible] bodied corps called into service
by Complainant authority and that during
the period of his was constantly either on
the Jacks or in garrison and for the time

which the service was performed he was not employed
in any civil pursuit,
he likewise states that he served as an enlisted
soldier the time before stated for at least
two years that in the last service he served
with an embodied corps called into service
by competent authority that he was either
in the field or garrison the whole time
but mostly in the field and for the
time during which the service was perf
ormed he was not employed in any
civil pursuits. Should he be mistaken as
to his belonging to the state troops or continental
line he knows he is not mistaken as to
his services nor the length of time of each
and for which services he claims a pension
should his name not be found on the
state or continental rolls and for that
cause a pension cannot be allowed
he hopes a pension will be allowed
for the term he served in the militia
who he hopes his name is on the roll
and will be found. he has no hope of
ever obtaining any positive evidence
of service the time has been so long
and he is so far removed from the
country where the service was perform
and does not know a single individu
al in Kentucky by whom he could
prove service, and having lost his
discharges as stated in his original
declaration he has no documentary of
the fact nor is he able to go to the country
where the services was performed to search for
proof indeed he knows of none even there
where and in what year were you born
Answer I was born in Pittsylvania county
state of virginia in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty 1760 agreeable

to the information of my parents which I believe to be true

2 have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have none nor had I ever any

3 Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolution and where do you now live

Answer I lived in Pittsylvania County state of Virginia when I entered the service and continued a citizen of that County and State untill after the close of the revolutionary war, after which I moved to and settled in the state of South Carolina Camden District, where I resided about twelve years when I moved to Washington County (now) state of Tennessee where I remained untill the year one thousand eight hundred and three when I moved to and settled in the County of Adair state of Kentucky where I now live

4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer the first and second tours I served as a volenteer malitiaman, the third and last I served as a Regular private

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Malitia [redacted]ments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer I recollect General Green

General Stephens General Marion General Hogan Colo Williams under whom I served in my last tour

Did you ever Receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans: I Received a written discharge for each tour Given by my respective Captains to wit the first by Capt Shelton the second by Captain Brown and the third by Captain Choice all of which I have long since lost

7 State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the revolution

Ans: I am acquainted with John W Gaskill Franklin Berry who has testified for me in my former declaration together with many others who would likewise certify the same was it convenient to procure their attendance But I live in a remote section of the country thinly settled and I have said but little about my services and I further state that there is no Clergyman living near me nor do I know of any who has heard it reputed in the neighbourhood that I was a Soldier of the Revolution as I live an obscure life and have for many years and said but little about my service it having been performed so long ago. but I have no doubt that any person with whom I am acquainted would testify as to my character and veracity Subscribed and Sworn to the day and year aforesaid

John Holley

3081

Kentucky

Susan Polly

widow of John Polly

who served in the Revolutionary

war, as a Private

Virginia

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of

30 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on

the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the

16 day of Jany 1849

and sent to

Mr. Staber

Columbia

Ky

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act February 2, 1848, Page 253 Vol. 3.

Let to Hon. R. Buckner

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State of Kentucky }
Adair County }

on this the 26th day of August 1843. Personally appeared before me Josiah Hunter an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County and state aforesaid Mrs Susan Polley a resident of the said County aged — seventy nine years & who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of made by the act of Congress passed 7th July 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows to wit that she is the widow of John Polley who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and she thinks belonged to the then Virginia state line & fought under General Green & who on account of his service as said Soldier in said war and in said line received a pension of thirty dollars per annum and to the evidence composing the matter of the application of her said husband for said pension she refers for such particulars as are necessary in the investigation of her claim. She further declares she has no Documentary evidence what ever, neither does she know at this time of any person.

living by which she can prove her marriage &
She further declares that she was married to the
Said John Polley in the Commencement of the
Year seventeen Hundred and eighty three and
that her Said husband died on the 4th day
September Eighteen Hundred & forty: that She
was not married to the Said John Polley
previous to his leaving the Service but the marriage
took place prior to the first day of January
1794 viz at the time above stated & that She
has never since the death of her Said husband
intermarried but She continues his Widow
Sworn to and subscribed on the
day & year aforesaid before me
Josiah Hunter J.P. } Susan her Polley mark

I the forgoing Subscribing Justice do hereby certify that I have been well acquainted with the forgoing John Polley & his wife Susan who has been a professor of Religion for many years & that full faith & credit is due her statements, I know her & children & think the Elder to be at least 60 years old & doubt not but she is the lawful wife of Sd John Polley I further state the Declarant is wholly unable to appear in open Court by reason of age & sickness & is confined to her bed at this time. & that she has never intermarried since the Death of her said Husband but still continues his widdow This the day & year above written
Josiah Hunter J.P. A.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

April 23 1833

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of John Polly. Adair Co Ky.

	Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service. Years.	Months.	Days.	Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the declaration is supported.
Oct.	'77		6.		pr	Capt Stalter	—		Va.	Pittsylvania Va.	Indep. —
" —	'78		3		"	" Brown	—		" N.C.		
Enlisted	'80	3			"	" Chiles	none		" " —		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section.

September 20, 1928.

Mrs. H. E. Lipscomb,
3315 Chamberlayne Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia.

Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 3038, it appears that John Polly or Polley was born in 1760 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

While residing in said county, he enlisted and served as a private with the Virginia Troops, as follows:

In 1777, six months in Captain James Shelton's Company, and was in an engagement at Fort Chapel; from March 1778, three months in Captain Thomas Brown's Company; and from the latter part of 1780 in Captain Turly Choice's Company, Colonel Williamson's Regiment, was in the battles of Guilford Court House, Camden, Siege of Ninety-Six, and in several skirmishes with Cornwallis' Troops, and served until in 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 7, 1833, at which time he was living in Adair County, Kentucky. He died September 4, 1840.

The soldier married after the war (no definite date given) in Camden District, South Carolina, Susan, her maiden name is not stated.

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She was allowed pension on her application executed August 26, 1843, at which time she was living in Adair County, Kentucky, aged seventy-nine years.

In 1843, she was living in Russell County, Kentucky.

They had eight children, no names are mentioned.

Respectfully,

E. W. MORGAN,
Acting Commissioner.