

## **Edmund POLLARD (1758-1835) P-332910**

Private, Virginia

Patriot Edmund Pollard was born November 24, 1758 in the King and Queen County of Virginia. Little is known of his life and family before the Revolution. From his age at the beginning of the war, it is quite possible that he was a bachelor.

Edmund's deposition in application for his pension as a veteran of the "Old War" is quite informative. In 1833 he states that he first volunteered in support of the patriot cause in the fall of 1776. This first term was three months and was under Captain William Todd. His unit marched from King and Queen County to Williamsburg to fortify and defend it. The next spring, Edmund volunteered again; this time for four months, under Captain Thomas Rowe. His unit marched to Little York and dug entrenchments and fortifications as the artillery was laid in there. After this tour, Edmund returns to King and Queen County until the fall of 1779. For this term, he would serve under Captain William Courtney in Little York, Halfway House, and Gloucester until March of 1781. His rest from this enlistment would be very short. About the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, Edmund enlisted again to serve under Captain Henry Lumpkin in forces led by General Wayne and the Marquis De Lafayette. The next months would be some of the most hectic of his service. As part of Colonel Matthew's "Bloody 3rd", he and his fellow soldiers would travel from King and Queen County to Todd's Bridge in Dunkirk to Port Royal to Fredericksburg – all in the Marquis' chase. After a brief leave at home, Edmund again enlisted in September of 1781 to serve under Captain Phillip Pendleton as part again of the "Bloody 3rd". This tour lasted just six weeks but saw the Siege of Yorktown and the surrender of Cornwallis and his fleet. At this defining moment of the war, Private Pollard had fought for his liberty and ours.

After the war's end, Edmund lived a while longer in King and Queen County, Virginia before moving on to Orange and Culpepper Counties. While in Orange County, Virginia he married Sarah "Sally" Herndon in the Christmas season of 1794. Edmund and Sally were known to have had at least three children before they removed to Harrison County, Kentucky in 1815. It was here in Harrison County that Edmund filed for his pension in 1833. His service was confirmed and his pension granted at \$50.00 per year. In September of 1834, at 76 years of age, Edmund made out his will. All of his estate after his burial expenses and just debts, was to pass to "my beloved wife Sarah Pollard during her natural life". Excepted in this was a bequest of \$10 to his daughter Elizabeth McKenny and \$5 to his daughter Nancy Smith. Other children are mentioned as well but this author has little knowledge of them.

Patriot Edmund Pollard went on to his eternal reward on June 20, 1835 in Harrison County, Kentucky. Many Pollards lay in the cemeteries of Harrison County. Perhaps he rests with them – the location of his grave may be forgotten, but the memory of his sacrifices is not.

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