

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dennie (Dennis) Porterfield BLWt2254-300

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We James Owen and John Owen Heirs at law of Major Dennie Porterfield do on our oaths declare that Major Dennie Porterfield who was a Major in the North Carolina Line in the War of the Revolution and was killed at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, we further declare that we his nephews are the only Legal Representatives of the said Major Dennie Porterfield -- and that we have never received the Bounty Lands due to us as his Heirs & representatives, nor has the same been assigned or transferred by us in any manner whatsoever. Therefore -- Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned Heirs & Legal Representatives of Major Dennie Porterfield of the North Carolina Line in the War of the Revolution do hereby authorize and empower Richard H. Mosby of Virginia as our attorney to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States or any other person authorized to issue the same all Bounty Land Warrants due to us as the Heirs of Major Dennie Porterfield on account of his Revolutionary services -- and all such Bounty Land Warrants issued in our names to sail assigned or transferred or in the same manner that we could do if personally present with power to appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him and all the acts of our said attorney or his substitutes we hereby bind ourselves to ratify and confirm.

Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of April 1839

S/ Jas Owen, Seal

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County: This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County above written Mr. Christopher Dudley who being first duly sworn according to law testifies & says -- That the Honorable John Owen of Bladen County North Carolina and the Honorable James Owen of the Town of Wilmington on the nephews of Major Dennie Porterfield of the North Carolina Line in the war of the Revolution and was killed at the Battle of Eutaw Springs. This affiant testifies that the said John & James Owen are the only Heirs and legal Representatives of Major Porterfield their mother being his sister and only heir, from whom they claim -- Given under my hand this 8th of April 1839

S/ C. Dudley

State of North Carolina Bladen County

I hereby certify that I have made diligent Search of the records of my office & find that Major Dannie Porterfield [sic], who was a Citizen of Bladen County died, left no last Will and Testament as appears from Records.

In testimony whereof I hear with set my hand & affixed my seal of office at Elizabeth Town this

18th April A.D. 1839

S/ David Lewis, Clerk

Raleigh the 30th of April 1839

R. H. Mosby, Esqr.

Your letter of the 28th incident was received this morning – Denny\* Porterfield [sic] entered the service as a Lieutenant in Captain Childs' Company of the 6th Regiment on the 2nd April 1777, was omitted in January 1778, mustered in January 1779 in 5th Regiment was Captain 1st February 1779; this is all said of him on the rolls. A Warrant for his services issued to Jas. Porterfield as heir & No. 100 for 3840 Acres, the full pay for Captain during the war, or for death in the service -- Captain John Brown was omitted in June 1778. This is the last of his service, as appears by the muster rolls. The son of Colonel Thomas Brown may insist that his Father received bounty land, but he never warheads, nor will the ever find it. I received an answer a few days passed from Doctor Bowman in which he says he had no relation of the name of Joshua, and that he knew nothing of any person of that name; -- I am therefore at as great a loss as ever to find where his heirs are.

My fees for the searches now made amount to \$.30.

Yours respectfully

S/ Wm Hill

\* call'd "Dennis" on the rolls.

"Names of Continental Commissioned Officers Killed & wounded in the action of Eutaw  
8th September 1781

N. Carolina Brigade

Captain Goodman     }  
Captain Goodwin     }     Killed  
Captain Porterfield   }  
Lieutenant Dillon

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S/ O. H. Williams, D. A. G."

The above is a true extract from a paper contained in the 2nd volume of the letters of General Greene, on file in the Department of State.

S/ Tho. W. Dickins  
Keeper of the Audits