

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Poe R8295

Mary Poe

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State of Alabama Benton County¹ }

On this first day of August 1843 personally appeared before E T Smith Judge of the County Court of Benton County Mary Poe a resident of the County of Benton and State aforesaid aged eighty-four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. That she is the widow of Steven Poe [sic] who was a Militia soldier of the revolutionary war. He served under the command of Colonel Golston [Charles Gholson or Goldston] of the State of North Carolina and that he served under the command of said Officer two years as a militia Soldier and did receive a discharge which by misfortune was lost. He entered the service in the latter part of the summer or first of the fall in the year '76 and while in the Army he was at Wilmington and marched through that country under Major Nauls [John Nall] and was captured by the Enemy -- he lived in Wilkes County North Carolina when he entered the service and was a volunteer under the command of the above named officers as well as I can recollect and he was in the battle at Lindley's Mills [September 13, 1781] North Carolina and I cannot point to any documentary evidence in the matter and he has ever been held and reputed and known as a Revolutionary Soldier and he was discharged in the fall the year 1778. She further declares that she was married to the said Stephen Poe in the latter part of the summer 1775 and I cannot recollect the exact day of the month as I have no record for we was married by Reverend William Teague not by license but by publication in Randolph County North Carolina that her husband the aforesaid Stephen Poe died on the 28th of July 1843 that she was married to him before his entering the service and at the time above stated. And he was known and reputed generally as a soldier. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ E. T. Smith, Judge of the County Court of Benton County

S/ Mary Poe, X her mark

[Aaron Haygood, a clergyman, and Henry B. Watkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ Name subsequently changed to Calhoun County