

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Poland R8300

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Pennsylvania Greene County SS

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord 1834 before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Greene County personally appeared Peter Poland a resident of Richhill Township in the County aforesaid aged seventy-four years who being 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 in the year 1778 he entered the service of the United States, at Shepperds Town [Shepherdstown] Virginia, in the militia, under the following officers, to wit, in the company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain Charles Moyer in the Regiment commanded by Colonels Pendleton and Willis and Major Scott & Adjutant Cules [?]. There were five companies in the above Regiment commanded by Captains Moyer, Duncan, Evans, Beelor & Porterfield, – Deponent served three months in the above company and Regiment, and was marched from Shepperds Town to White Marsh and in the neighborhood of Philadelphia.

Deponent further states that in the year 1779, he again entered the service in the Virginia militia at Shepperds Town in the company commanded by Captain McIntire Lieutenant William Buckles and Ensign Alexander Carney for three months – Deponent during the three months service was marched to Falmouth and Norfolk – deponent cannot recollect the names of any of the field officers under whom he served, they were strangers to him, and in consequence imperfection of his memory he cannot now recall their names. Deponent further states that he received discharges at the end of both of his terms of service, but has since lost them.

Deponent states that he was born in Hunterdon County New Jersey in October A.D. 1760 – They he had a record of his age in his Bible which has been destroyed. That he removed from new certainly near to Shepperds Town in Virginia at which place he lived when he entered the service. That since the revolution he has lived near twenty years near Shepperds Town, that he then removed to Crisap [?]<sup>1</sup> Town in the State of Maryland, and from thence he removed to Greene County Pennsylvania where he has lived for the last twenty years – that he received a Discharge but has since lost it.

Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Deponent further states that by reason of the remoteness of his residence at the extremity of the County he is unable to refer to a clergyman to establish his veracity and reputation of having been a

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<sup>1</sup> *Crisap*

Revolutionary Soldier but he can prove his veracity and the belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution by William Kincaid Esquire and John Funk.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Peter Poland, X his mark

the applicant makes the following Answers to the questions propounded by the War Department one. That he was born in Hunterdon County New Jersey in the year 1760

2. He had a record of his age but it is destroyed
3. He served in the militia 6 months.
4. He resided about 20 years at Shepperds Town, then removed to Maryland & has since resided in Greene County Pennsylvania
5. He received discharges but they have been lost.

S/ Peter Poland, X his mark

[William Kincaid & John Funk gave the standard supporting affidavit.]