

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Powers R8311

Catharine Powers f15SC

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: On this the 25th day of January A.D. 1858 personally appeared before me the subscribing Magistrate Mrs. Catherine Powers a resident of the State and District above named, aged 96 years last November, 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 acts of Congress passed 7th of June 1832, 4 July 1836, 7th of July 1838, 2nd February 1848, 29 July 1848 and 3rd February 1853: That she is the widow of Francis Powers deceased who was a private in the war between the United States and Great Britain commonly known as the Revolutionary war, in the South Carolina Militia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck] and in the company commanded by Captain Anderson which served at the siege of Charleston. That he was mustered into service by being drafted about 20 miles from the city of Charleston, upon one morning when he the said Francis Powers was fishing with his employer Mr. Brasy [sic, Bracey?], and that he and his said employer took it by turns to do military duty in behalf of their country and to stay at home and oversee the plantation; that his turn came first and he was marched to the city of Charleston under Lieutenant Reynolds; that after said siege he returned to Virginia and from thence came back to South Carolina and settled in Spartanburg District from whence in the same or of the Revolution he went under Captain Collins [John Collins] and officer William Goodlett against the Indians towards what was called the Indian line, in a scouting expeditions; that she has a discharge of her said husband and some 4 or 3 years ago gave it to an agent who was about to undertake this claim and who died before anything could be done, if however she finds it, a copy will be appended to this paper, That she is further advised and does verily believe that the name of her said husband will be found on the pay roll and refers to Vol. No. 9, Box X Fo 3676 that he received £1: 2: 10 for said service in the office of the Comptroller General of South Carolina, to which she refers. She further says that she was married to the said Francis Powers by the Reverend Mr. Reese in Spartanburg District in the State of South Carolina, and that her name before said marriage was Catherine Goodlett. Parson Reese was a Minister of the Baptist faith. She was married on the 24th day of March A.D. 1783. That there may have been a family record of said marriage which if not mislaid she will have a copy of the same appended to this paper. She however submits proof that she the said Catharine and he the said Francis Powers lived together as man and wife, were so reputed by the neighbors, that said marriage was never called in question or disputed, and that they were so publicly regarded and spoken of each other; and that she is told believes and has reason to believe that the law of South Carolina, as laid down in IV Kent's Commentaries page 87 & 88, and in 2nd Richardson's South Carolina Reports

(establishing such proof as sufficient to prove the first marriage in a trial for bigamy), Bengal all of the place of contract establishes such proof as evidence of a valid marriage. She further says, that, her said husband died on the 25th day of January in the year 1836 in Spartanburg District, that she has ever since remained a widow, and that she has never applied for received any pension whatsoever. She hereby constitutes and appoints William M. Thomas of Greenville South Carolina her legal attorney to do all things in relation to this business which she herself can do.

S/ W W Anderson

S/ Catharine Powers, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and in the year above written before me

S/ M. G. Anderson, N. P.

[James M. Anderson, James McNuigh [?] & Abner Wakefield gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: Miss Polly Powers gave an affidavit that she has seen in Catherine Powers' possession a paper appearing to be of Revolutionary war era date issued in Charleston to Francis Powers; that said paper was given to William Goodlett 3 years ago who is now dead and the paper cannot be found.]