

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Porter R8339

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At a Superior Court of Law continued and held for from Fluvanna County on Wednesday the 27th day of May 1818

This day David Porter aged sixty-three years resident of the said County personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on oath. That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution on or about the 19th November 1776, that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Abner Crump in the first Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson and of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment – that he served as a soldier aforesaid during the war and quit the service in consequence of being discharge which discharge is lost or mislaid, that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence of his said services. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Daniel Porter served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the Common Enemy for during the War – and that he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his Country for support and has therefore a just claim to a pension in the manner prescribed by an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" the same is order to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War

[attested by J. Timberlake, clerk of the Fluvanna County, Virginia court on the 29th May 1818]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On the 25th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a Court of record by the laws of the said State Daniel Porter age sixty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820. That he the said Daniel Porter enlisted for the term of three years on or about the 19th of November in the year 1776 at New Kent Courthouse in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Abner Crump in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve until the close of the War when he was discharged from the said service in 1782 or 1783 in the State of Virginia that his first enlistment as stated in his original declaration made before the Superior Court of Law of this County on the 27th day of May 1818 in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson was for 3 years part of which time was at Williamsburg in Virginia from whence said Regiment moved to Alexandria he thinks in the year 1777 where he was inoculated with the smallpox &

from thence moved to join General Washington's Army at the White Plains and was then attached to the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg was at the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and at Germantown [October 4, 1777] and at various other small affairs, and was wounded in the left hand at Monmouth which has lamed it ever since: that before his term of three years was ended he enlisted for and during the war with Captain Thomas Ewell or Hewell of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Meriwether which Regiment he thinks was made up of parts of the first and second regiments these regiments being broke & he thinks it was then called the first and second Regiment – that in this way he remained in the service of the United States about four years from the time of his first enlistment in the early northern [paper torn one or more words missing]. That he then transferred to the service of the South under the command of Colonel Edward Buford [Abraham Buford?] who as he thinks commanded a Regiment made up of the fragments of several regiments of the first second and third Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment and he does not know what this Regiment was called or that it was numbered as organized under the command of Buford that he remained in the service [of the] Southern Army for about 3 years and until the end of the War as stated in his said original declaration and was at the battles of Camden [probably Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], Ninety Six [May 21 – June 19, 1781], Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] at various other smaller affairs in the South and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the testimony of John Maddox.¹ Whereupon he the said John Maddox being sworn saith that he is well acquainted with the above named Daniel Porter knows him to be a man of truth and credit and believes him to be in need of aid from his country for support. That as to his services in the revolutionary war to the North he the said John knows nothing but that he knows that he was in the southern service as stated in his declaration – that he the said Daniel was an orderly Sergeant in the same company commanded by Captain Thomas Hewell in Buford's Regiment which Regiment was made up of parts of the first 2nd and 3rd Virginia Regiments on Continental establishment and that he first became acquainted with the said Daniel at Hillsboro North Carolina when he the said Daniel Porter was an orderly Sergeant in the same company – that they both remained in the same company and under the command of Colonel Buford until some considerable time after the battle at the hanging rock [The Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's Defeat, May 29, 1780] and until Buford was arrested or called to give on account of his conduct in the affairs commonly called Buford's defeat. Thereafter Colonel Samuel Haws [Samuel Hawes] took command of the Regiment and that he continued with said Daniel in the southern Army until they were called to the siege of York in Virginia where they were both in the same service but at that place were attached to different companies and that he knows the said Daniel to have remained in the service of the United States until the close of the Revolutionary War.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Horse purchased lately at \$25, \$3 only paid towards him one Gunn [gun] one plow and gear half

¹ FPA S38183

dozen knives and forks five earthen plates two pitchers, two hoes one ax and one pine table. The said Declarant states that he is by occupation a farmer which he is illy able to pursue being [paper damaged and text missing] man of his age – his family consist of a wife aged about Sixty [paper damaged, text missing, that may have been a 2nd digit in the age of his wife] a daughter of his wife of birth previous to the marriage of this [paper damaged, text missing] with her, aged 30 years who are unable but in a small degree to contribute to their support.

S/ D. Porter



Sworn to and declared on the 25th day of July 1820 before me Peter H Ware presiding Justice of the said Court.

S/ Peter H. Ware

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City of Richmond to wit

William B Winston² of the said City in the State of Virginia, this day personally appeared before us the subscribers Justices of the peace for the said City and made oath that he was well acquainted with Daniel Porter in the year 1777, 1778 & 1779, that he served as a Soldier with the said Porter in Colonel George Gibson's Virginia Regiment during those years – At about the end of the year 1779 Colonel Gibson's Regiment was disbanded when the said at affiant left the Army and returned home. About one half of the said Regiment reenlisted for the War, amongst whom he is very certain that Daniel Porter was one who did so reenlist. And that he knew nothing more of the said Porter after his said reenlistment and his the said Winston's return home

Given under our hands this 17th day of April 1821

S/ C. Tompkins

S/ James Rawlings

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At a Court of monthly Session held for Fluvanna County on Monday the 24th day of February 1823

On the motion of Daniel Porter – William Moody³ of this County was sworn to give evidence touching said Porter's claim to a pension in addition to the declaration and testimony heretofore forwarded to the Department of War and thereupon the said William Moody deposed and saith that he knew said Daniel Porter when he was a soldier on the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war that he was first in Colonel Bluford's Regiment which afterwards was commanded by Colonel Samuel Hawes that said Porter served in said Regiment under Bluford and Hawes he is confident upwards of twelve months and he believes much longer – that said Porter he well recollects was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse, Camden and Ninety Six this deponent being also in the same battles – This deponent further states that he always understood that said Porter had formerly been a State Soldier but that at the time he knew him he feels entirely certain that he belonged to the Continental establishment as did this deponent himself for about five years.

Fluvanna County Court March 24th 1823

² [William Bobby \(Robert\) Winston S41357](#)

³ FPA S38233

On the motion of Daniel Porter is order to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War that William Moody who resides in this County and whose deposition touching said Porter's claim to a pension under the law of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 was taken before the court at the last Term is a credible and disinterested witness.

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At a Court of quarterly Sessions held for Fluvanna County on Monday the 27th day of August 1821

On the motion of Daniel Porter who claims a pension as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War under an act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 – John Maddox was introduced as a witness in support of said claim who being sworn deposed and saith became acquainted with said Daniel Porter at Hillsboro in North Carolina he was then an orderly Sergeant in Captain Thomas Ewell or Hewell's company and in Colonel Edward Buford's Regiment made up of detached corps of different State regiments enlisted and taken into the United States service on Continental establishment. At the time alluded to Buford had command of said Regiment but he being called to give an account (at the same time that Gates was) of his conduct at the affair commonly called Buford's defeat at the hanging rock which was in the year 1780 afterwards Colonel Samuel Hawes took command of said Regiment and this deponent knows that the said Daniel Porter served at least nine months under Buford and afterwards for more than nine months under said Colonel Hawes. This deponent is positively certain that both himself and said Porter were on Continental establishment and received United States pay, clothing &c. The Court doth certify that the said John Maddox is a respectable citizen of this County and a man of unquestionable credibility. All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

[Attested by John Timberlake, clerk of the Fluvanna County Virginia court]