

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Potts R8386

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North Carolina Iredell County: We the undersigned practicing Physicians of the County of Iredell and State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that after the examination in the case of James Potts, who is now on the pension list of the United States (formerly placed on the pension Roll of North Carolina) we are of opinion that his disability does continue -- Being a Gun Shot wound by a ball, which entered on the fore part of the left foot near its Junction with the leg and passing through between the 2 ankles a little inside of the center, and going out through the center of the large tendon, called Achilles, immediately above its insertion into the bone of the heel, called Os Callix [sic, os calcis, Latin for the calcaneus or heel bone]-- fracturing and materially injuring several bones of the Ankle joint, and hurt [?] a great many fragments of which have been discharged & thrown off. And further, that the degree of disability under which he labors at present is one half; and which disability he is greatly increased by the infirmity peculiar to an invalid -- now nearly 67 years of age; and that the disability arising from the aforesaid wound, independent of every other circumstance, is as great as it was when first received and when he was placed on the pension Roll of North Carolina.

In testimony of which, we the undersigned after being duly sworn, do hereby place our respective names as physicians to this Certificate.

S/ R. F. Carson

S/ Abner Franklin

Sworn & subscribed before me Samuel King the 27th day of November 1822

S/ Samuel King, JP

North Carolina Iredell County: I Samuel King do hereby certify that Abner Franklin and Robert Carson are respectable in their profession and practicing physicians in the County aforesaid.

S/ Samuel King, JP

North Carolina Iredell County: This day James Potts, came before me, Samuel King, one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and after being duly sworn says that he served as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War in Captain James Purviance's Company -- Colonel Locke's Regiment of North Carolina Militia (the year not recollected) and that whilst fighting in the service of the United States in North Carolina Lincoln County at Ramsour's [Ramsour's mill] Battle he received a gunshot wound as described in the annexed Certificate, and that he is the same James Potts who was placed on the pension roll of North Carolina, and that his name was transferred to the pension list of the United States, that he has received his annuity annually for many years, and that he never received a pension Certificate from the War Office of the United States: And further that he resided in North Carolina, Iredell County when he was first placed on

the pension Roll of North Carolina and that he continues to reside in the said County & State.
Sworn & subscribed before made this November 27th, 1822 S/ James Potts
S/ Samuel King, JP

[fn p. 7: On March 13, 1846 in Iredell County North Carolina, David S. Caldwell one of the judges of the Superior Court of law and equity certified that Sarah Potts, widow of James Potts died on February 18, 1842 and that she left the following children surviving her, to wit, Pamela, Eli, Milas, Dovey and Emeline.]

[fn p. 10: on June 13, 1844 in Iredell County North Carolina Pamela Potts, Dove Potts & Emeline Potts, all of lawful age, filed a declaration in order to obtain the benefits due their mother as the widow of James Potts; based state that they are the children of James and Sarah Potts; that their father was a pensioner under the act of April 24, 1816; that their father had a certificate for his pension issued December 4, 1823 signed by John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War; that he died February 16, 1826; that their parents married in 1785; that their mother remained his widow until her death February 15, 1842 and that she never made application for a widows pension. All 3 claimants sign their own names.]

[fn p. 13]

State of North Carolina Iredell County: I JF Alexander Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Iredell do hereby Certify that the sheet of paper hereunto attached which is in the following words and figures to wit

James Potts was born the 11th of March 1754

Sarah Potts was born 22 July 1761

Milas Lusk was born 23rd of November 1786

 Died 11 November 1788

Pamela was born the 13th May 1788

Sophia was born the 15th of September 1790

Eli was born 27th January 1792

Hiram was born 27 May 1795

Milus was born 21 July 1797

Dovy was born 28 July 1800

Emeline was born 15 January 1803

James Potts died 16 February 1826

was cut from the Bible in open Court by the direction of the Court -- at its session on the 22nd day of May 1846 and that evidence was produced to the satisfaction of the Court that it was the truth family record of the said James Potts, a true copy of which is entered upon the minutes of said Court.

 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office at office in distasteful this 26th day of June 1846

 S/ JF Alexander, clerk of Iredell County Court

[fn p. 14 is the digital image of the original record as referred to above.]

[fn p. 19: certificate dated August 4, 1845 from the North Carolina Comptroller's office certifying payments made to James Potts for military service during the revolution.]

[Mary McKee, 85, and Jane Woodsides, 83, both gave supporting affidavits regarding the marriage of Sarah Potts to James Potts; their family, and his reputation as a soldier of the revolution.]