

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Powell R8392

Casana¹

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[WTG believes the following affidavit was misfiled in this file because the William Powell who was married to Casana Bishop apparently died in 1802 and thus could not have been alive to file a claim in 1834.]²

State of Tennessee Henry County: County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Sessions A.D. 1834

On this day being the 30th day of December 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Henry County now sitting it being a Court of record having a Clerk and proceeding according to the course of the common law, William Powell a resident of the aforesaid County of Henry aged seventy years, who being first 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as follows. That sometime in the month of February or March 1782 he entered the service of the United States in Orange County North Carolina under Charles Dickson Captain from Dickson he was placed under the command of Captain James Powell from Orange County where he entered the service he was marched under said Powell to Ashley River Bacon's bridge in South Carolina he was then placed under the command of Captain Jones & Lieutenant Holmes here he was taken sick and remained till the end of the war he is colonels word Dickson & Murphy, he cannot now remember the exact length of time he served but knows it to have been till the end of the war he is confident that he served one year & remembers that he received pay for 2 years service but does not think he served that long he was living in Orange County North Carolina when called into service; that since the war he has mostly lived in South Carolina & that he now lives in Henry County Tennessee. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service & that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

S/ B. C. Brown, D. Clk

S/ Wm Powell

[Moses T. Span and William Palsum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn pp. 6-7 family record]

Children of William Powell

¹ Casandra

² This application relates to the William Powell FPA S21427

Richard Bishop Powell was born the 10th day of December in the year of our Lord 1789 Died August 29th 1795

Ann Powell the Door of William Powell and Casana Powell his wife was born the 31st day March year of our Lord 1792 Died the 2nd of November 1795

Wm Lovell Powell Son of William Powell & Casana Powell his wife was Born 23rd of August the year of our Lord 1794 Died 6th of November 1794

James Powell Son of William Powell & Casana Powell his wife was born 19th December year of our Lord 1795

Rebecah Evins Powell Daughter of William Powell and Casana Powell was born 13th of January year of our Lord 1798

Solomon Powell Son of William Powell & Casana Powell his wife was born 29th March in the year of our Lord 1800

Jane L. Powell was born February 1st 1802

Casana Bishop Powell was born the Day and Date above

[fn p. 8 : on April 20th 1853 in Halifax County North Carolina, Solomon Powell, 52, filed a claim for whatever he may be entitled to under the law for the pension due his mother under the 1838 act and for compensation for 3 horses belonging to the maternal grandfather of the said Solomon, that he is the son of William Powell who he thinks was a private in the war of the revolution in 1776; that his father resided in Halifax County North Carolina and served under Colonel Nicholas Long of the Halifax militia of General Allen Jones's Brigade; that when Cornwallis passed through Halifax County in 1781 he, Cornwallis, carried off 3 horses belonging to the father of Casana Powell, the deponent's mother; that his parents were married in the beginning of the year 1789 by a preacher of the gospel and that his mother never married after the death of her his father who died in 1802, two years after said Solomon's birth; that his mother Casana Powell died in 1840 in the month of January; that her name prior to her marriage was Casana Bishop; that the only record of his father's family is the one attached to his application and that such record is in the hand writing of James Bishop, Solomon's uncle; that James Powell his brother died in 1805, that Rebecca Evins died in the year 1825 and Jane L. died in the year 1835; that his sister Casana married a man named Hardy Jackson and has gone from the state 8 or 10 years.]

[fn p. 32: Certificate dated September 8, 1853 from the North Carolina Comptroller's office certifying payments made to one William Powell for military services during the revolution. "William Powell, private in Major Hardy Murfree's Company of the 2nd Battalion of North Carolina forces in the service of the United States, commanded by Colonel John Patton, mustered at Charleston, South Carolina March 27th 1780, that said Major Hardy Murfree commanding the aforesaid Company was, at different periods of his service, under Generals Caswell, Lincoln, Gates and Green, as appears by the Rolls, and more particularly by the correspondence of those officers now on file in this office." The actual certificate of the Comptroller showing payments to William Powell is at footnote page 46.]

[fn p. 43]

North Carolina Halifax County

On this the 15th day of September A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me Jesse Pittard one of the acting The justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid William

Cullum and James Bishop who being first duly sworn according to law declare that there were 2 William Powell's both of whom were revolutionary soldiers, one an officer, a Captain they think, and the other a private, both of whom were residents of Halifax County North Carolina during the revolution, but the officer had a middle name and was called by his neighbors Tolly Powell to distinguish him from William Powell the; the right name of said Tolly Powell was William Ptolemy Powell; the father of Solomon Powell and husband of Casana had no middle name but was simply "William."

They further state upon their oath that said William Ptolemy Powell served the most of his time in the militia service at Halifax town and that William Powell served the most of his time from home and that these 2 William Powell's were the only persons of that name in this County at the time of the Revolution; they both recollect these 2 William Powell's very well and one incident in the life of William Ptolemy which happened during the Revolution, served to mark a wide difference in the services of these 2 men, and fixed an indelible sd dance upon our memories of the 2 distinct men; when Cornwallis was at the Roanoke River on his way to Yorktown Captain William Ptolemy commanding a small detachment at the River was repulsed and to protect himself from British shot covered his person with pieces of bacon, an anecdote which follow him to his grave. William at that time they think was with the Main body of the American Army somewhere in the South or West.

S/ J. Bishop

S/ William Cullum, X his mark