

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levin (Elevan) H. Powell R8394 Elizabeth fn51SC [sic, Va]
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State of Virginia County of Loudoun

I, Levin H. Powell aged 70 years, do upon oath testify and declare, that, I entered the service of the United States on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1780, for the term of the War and that I served in the company commanded by Captain Hughes of Light Dragoons in the Regiment No. ___, commanded by Colonel White first and then by Colonel William Washington of the Virginia line, and was honorably discharged on ___ in the year 1783, from the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington --

I Further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever therefore,

I was enrolled by the name of Elevan Powell and H. was added to my name afterwards to distinguish me from others of the same name in Loudoun County

Know all men by these presents, that I, Levin H. Powell aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint George Richards to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive of the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed.

S/ Levon H. Powell, X his mark [sic]

[Acknowledged on March 14, 1833]

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Virginia to wit

At a Superior Court of Law continued and held for the County of Loudoun at the Court house thereof before the honorable Robert White one of the Judges of the General Court and Judge of the Superior Courts of law within the 10th Judicial Circuit on the 4th of September 1824 and in the 49th year of the Commonwealth --
District of Virginia SS

On this 4th day of September 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record and the 10th Judicial Circuit of the superior Court of Law for the Commonwealth of Virginia Levin H. Powell aged 61 years resident in the County of Fairfax Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Levin H. Powell enlisted for the term of the War on the ___ day of ___ 1780 in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Hughes in the Regiment

commanded by Colonel Anthony White in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until 1783 when he was discharged from the said Service in Richmond in the State of Virginia that he received an honorable discharge which he has lost and the reason he did not sooner applied for a pension is that he would as long as he could support himself but is unable to do it any longer that he was in the Battles of Guilford and Cambden [sic, Camden] and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of John Russell hereunto annexed.

S/ Robert White

Judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit

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

S/ Levin H. Powell, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 4th day of September before me Judge of the said Court.

S/ Robert White

Judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit

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Loudoun County to wit \

John Russell¹ personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that Leven H. Powell served as a Soldier in Captain Hughes Company of Dragoons in the 3rd Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel White for 2 years and 6 months in the time of the revolutionary War and that he was honorably discharged. Given under my hand this 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Wm Bronaugh

A Schedule of the property along into Levin H. Powell

Two small Stacks of Rye and one small Stack of hay under execution to satisfy Thomas Fairfax Esquire for rent. I do hereby certify that the above statement is just and true.

S/ W. Harper

My Occupation is weaving and am not able to do that for some time past I have a wife that is of a weakly disposition and 5 children at home with me namely Leatitia a daughter aged 14 years, Thos Powell 12 years of age, Amy R Powell 10 years of age, Mahlon F Powell 8 years of age, Louiza Powell 5 years of age all at this [time] at my expense.

Sworn to and Open Court this September 4 1824

S/ Levin H. Powell, X his mark

[facts in file: the veteran moved to Illinois in 1836, Ann died November 28, 1836 near Peoria Illinois; the file contains a marriage bond dated July 13, 1807 for the marriage of the veteran to Elizabeth Cohagan or Cohagen issued in Loudoun County Virginia; the widow was living in Tazewell County Illinois in 1846; the widow stated that she married her husband in Loudoun

¹ [John Russell W5755](#)

County Virginia 7 miles from Leesburg; that they were married by a "Church Minister by the name of Dunn"; that she and her husband had 7 children [her deposition on fn pp. 10-11 is interesting reading].]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

It appears from the Size Roll 5th Troop that Eleven Powell enlisted for the War in the first Regiment L. Dragoons April 20th '81 and joined the mutineers² May 1783

S/ W. M. Barrett, fly [formally]

Capt. Baylor's Dragoons

23 Dec. 1783

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I do hereby empower Mr. Wm B Harrison to settle my accounts with the United States and receive all my pay due me as a soldier in the 5th Regiment of Light Dragoons from the 28th of April 1781 till month of May 1783. Given under my hand this 16th day of December 1784.

Test

S/ Robert Bogert

S/ Eleven Powell, X his mark

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² See <http://www.consource.org/document/benjamin-harrison-to-virginia-delegates-1783-7-1-15/> for some of the documentary evidence of the mutiny led by Sergt. Major William Daingerfield of about 100 members of Baylor's Light Dragoons who, thinking they are about to be abandoned in South Carolina and deprived of their horses, appropriated their horses and back toward Virginia. On May 22, 1783 while in Moravian town (Salem) North Carolina, the mutineers petitioned Thomas Nelson (who they thought was still governor of Virginia but who had left office in November 1782) to address their grievances. Evidently the mutineers were treated with extreme leniency and suffered no consequences as a result of their mutiny.