

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Powell R8398

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[the spelling and handwriting of this application are particularly challenging: use with care]

State of Tennessee Coffee County: On this day personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace within the County and state aforesaid John Powell a citizen of Coffee County and State of Tennessee aged 87 years who after being duly sworn according to law deposes and says, that he is the identical John Powell, who was an orderly Sergeant of the company commanded by Captain Jails Thomas [?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hiton [?] or Colonel Hada, Sander [?] Deponent does not recollect which in the war of the Revolution, which will be seen by them muster rolls of said company, that he was appointed orderly Sergeant of said company by a recruiting officer, in the County of Wake, North Carolina Colonel Canes [?], Court House, now the City of Rolly [Raleigh] Ford during the war, and that we was mustered and appointed some time about 1880 [sic, 1780?] and the close of said war, deponent does not remember the precise time, and that he served until the close of said war, which was something over one year, that we remained in actual service until the war was terminated, and that he never received a ritn [written] discharge, and has never received from the Government either a land warrant or a pension and that his name is on no pension list in the United States, and that the reason he never applied for a pension before was because he did not know until they lay year that he could get it and was not able to make the proof, that was told him he needed [indecipherable word] to me in consequence of there being no person he knew who would [indecipherable word] him, they all being dead, deponent is so old frail he does not remember the particulars of said service, and that he is service was confined to the State of North Carolina. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act of Congress granting to all officers and soldiers whether of the Regular Army, Navy, State troops, militia or Indian spies who served in the war of the Revolution for a period or periods amounting in all 6 months, if being alive on the 7th of June 1832 a certificate of Pension for life from the 4th of March 1831 and the bounty land if he is entitled.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th day of June 1852.

S/ E. A. Rutherford, JP

S/ John Powell

[J. W. Williams and Benj. T. Hollins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 7 appears to be an erroneously filed certificate dated January 31, 1791 [or 1797] given in Sharon Vermont relating to the services of Lt. Stephen Powell given by Anth. Morse [Anthony Morse?] Major of the 2nd Regt & 3rd Brigade of the Vermont Militia.]

[fn p. 13: certificate dated June 5, 18th 54 issued by the North Carolina Comptroller's office showing payments made to one John Powell for services during the revolutionary war.]

State of North Carolina Wake County

This day appeared before me Richard the Seawell and acting Justice of the Peace for the County of Wake Sion Brown aged about 84 years who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with John Powell during the Revolutionary War that he knew him to be an orderly Sergeant at that time; before he distinctly recollects seeing him often while engaged in his duties of collecting the men drafted for the Army at different points.

Given under my hand and seal the 27th day of January 1854.

S/ Sion Brown, X his mark

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State of Tennessee County of Warren

On this 20th day of October 1853 personally appeared before me Jesse R. Edwards a justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid John Powell orderly Sergeant aged eighty-eight years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he volunteered Enlisted or was drafted (he does not distinctly recollect) about the year 1781 and he cannot with more distinctness recollect the exact time, that he served about 12 months up till the close of the war in the company commanded by Captain Giles Thomas in the brigade commanded by colonels Hardy Sanders and Colonel James Hinton in the war of the Revolution he the said Powell volunteered enlisted or was drafted in Wake County North Carolina, and he refers the department to the muster rolls of said Company. He further states he made declaration for a pension once before from Coffee County Tennessee and empowered Robert Richardson as his attorney in the year 1852 who informed him there was a little more proof wanting and he seemed to make no more efforts therefore I now have employed Michael Hoover as my attorney the day and year above written.

S/ John Powell

sworn to before me the day and year above written and I hereby certify that I do believe that this John Powell did serve as set forth the above declaration

S/ Jesse R. Edwards, JP