

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Francis Powell R8404

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In order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress of the United States of America passed for the benefit of Officers or Soldiers or their widows, or the children of officers or soldiers who may have served in the American Revolution against Great Britain which acts may at this time be of force in the United States of America for the benefit and relief of the above description of persons

State of Georgia } On this twenty eighth day of March Eighteen hundred and fifty
County of Wilkes } four Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the
Inferior Court within and for said County and State aforesaid Joseph T. Burdett a resident of
said County aged Forty three years, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath
make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Pension Laws which are now
of force in the United States of America for the benefit of officers and soldiers their widows or
living children, this deposition being made for the benefit of the living children of Francis Powell
deceased. And now deponent on his oath says. That, Mary Powell, Joseph Powell and Elizabeth
Burdett of Wilkes County Georgia Nancy Jackson of Chambers County Alabama Jane Wortham
of Coweta County Georgia Sarah Wortham Caroline Wells and Benjamin Powell of Merriwether
[sic: Meriwether] County Georgia and Thomas Powell of Talbot County Georgia are the only living
children of Francis Powell deceased and that deponent has been acquainted with the said Francis
Powell for the last thirty years and that deponent married the daughter of said Francis Powell
over twenty years since and resided in the House of said Francis Powell from the time of said
marriage until the death of said Powell which has been about sixteen years since, and that
deponent did very frequently before and after the marriage aforesaid and very shortly before the
death of Francis Powell, hear him the said Powell say that he the said Powell was Born and raised
in Amherst County Virginia and that he the said Francis Powell did go into the Revolutionary
service against great Britain as a Volunteer from Amherst County Virginia at the commencement
of the American Revolution and served in the Virginia line during the war, under the command
of General George Washington and that whilst the said Powell was in service he was very
frequently in service with general Lafayette and the said Francis Powell was in the Battle at
Bunkers Hill [17 Jun 1775], the Battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], the Battle at Guilford
[Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], the Battle at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], the Battle at
Camden [either Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill NC, 25 Apr 1781],
and the Siege at YorkTown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and saw Lord Cornwallis Surrender [sic: see
note below] after which the said Francis Powell was honourably discharged and returned to
Amherst County Virginia and resided in said County until the said Powell removed to Wilkes
County Georgia and resided the last named County until the death of him the said Francis
Powell which has been over sixteen years since having the children as above named, the wife of
the said Francis Powell having died previous his death. An now this deponent does in behalf of
the children of the said Francis Powell make this declaration and deposition in order to obtain
the Pension to which they may by law be entitled to as the only living children of him the said
Francis Powell deceased for services rendered by said Powell in the American Revolution against
Great Britain, the foregoing being the best testimony which deponent can at this time procure,
hereby relinquishing every other claim to said Pension except the present and that to the best of
the belief of deponent there has never been any enrollment for the same in this or any other
state in the United States of America to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of March 1854

[signed] Joseph T Burdett

NOTE: Cornwallis was not present at the surrender ceremony.