

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Poor S11254

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State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 19th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Poor a resident of said County and State, aged seventy-eight 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 7 1833.

That having served in the Regular and militia service both he will set forth his services in the order in which they were rendered. That in August 1777 he was drafted from the militia of the County of Cumberland and was a private in a company of Allen or Wilson, he does not recollect which – marched in his company to Williamsburg, then to Hampton and then back to Williamsburg and was discharged having served two months that he saw the enemy's shipping in the Bay, but was in no battle – does not remember the Colonel nor any regular troops, and that he saw Henry [Patrick Henry] then Governor. That in February 1778 he then living in the County of Goochland enlisted at the Court House of the County with Captain Morris the 9th Virginia Regiment as Sergeant, full one-year – marched North immediately – was inoculated with the small pox at Dumfries and had the disease at Alexandria – And joined the Continental Army at Valley Forge in the latter part of March – Colonel Ball commanded the 9th Virginia Regiment but that having been much cut up at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] was soon broken up and he was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment – that he was in Muhlenberg's Brigade he cannot recollect the Colonel's or Major's name but Kendall was Captain and Steele Lieutenant – that the length of time has obliterated from his memory many of the officers' names but he can remember General Washington distinctly & General Muhlenberg that the Army marched from the Valley Forge in June and pursued the enemy – had a battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] in the latter part of the same month, but he was sick and was not present, – Joined the Army again and marched to the White Plains, and then to West Point where they were stationed for a month perhaps – again crossed the North River and marched to Middle Brook [Middlebrook] and Bond Brook [Bound Brook] in the Jerseys where the Army took up winter quarters, and he was discharged in January and was marched back in a company by Capt. Payne – And reached home in the end of February. That immediately on his return he substituted himself, but cannot recollect for whom, and marched as private from the same County in the company of militia under Captain Curd to the Albemarle Barracks – served two months at that place in guarding the Prisoners of War and was discharged. And in the latter part of the same year he again substituted himself, but cannot recollect the person for whom [he substituted], and marched as private in the Goochland militia under Captain Richardson to the same place and

served the same length of time in the same occupation, and was discharged. Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] commanded at the Barracks and there were some state troops there. Fontaine was Lieutenant Colonel. That in the spring of the year 1781 when Cornwallis invaded the state he was drafted, and marched from the County of Goochland as Sergeant in the company of Militia from that County under Captain Miller [William Miller] – rendezvoused at Richmond and was put under Colonel Pleasants – remained at Richmond some days, and while there the enemy came to Manchester and burned the warehouses – at Richmond General Lafayette joined them with his Army and encamped at the Rope works – from Richmond the Regiment under Pleasants marched down the River and at Cocke's he saw the enemy take the shipping and blow up the vessels – marched down the River and at a place called Cedar Point, one of the enemy's ships had run aground, and a British deserter informing Colonel Pleasants that if he would attack it with a chosen body he would be able to take it – the Colonel detached sixty men with him to attack it. They marched down to the beach and fired their muskets at the vessel which returned the fire with artillery and small arms – and after firing several rounds he received a musket ball in his thigh which disabled him. The party having retreated he was compelled to scramble through the marsh for fifty yards and met a comrade named Morton [?] who assisted him off the field – he was put under the care of the surgeon and sent off to Richmond then to the slash [?] Church in Hanover and then home and that in this tour he was in service at least one and a half months – that in consideration of his wound he has for some years received a pension of \$40 per annum, but conceives that this should not bar his present claim. That he never received a written discharge nor had he a Sergeant's warrant either time and that he has no documentary evidence. That he can prove some part of his militia service by John Martin<sup>1</sup> and William Busby<sup>2</sup> and that [as to] the rest [he] can procure no testimony and that he refers to the Reverend Lewis Chandoin and Frederick Bryce for his character and the reputation of his having been a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a future pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any other state then the state of Virginia.

To Question 1st he replies in Goochland Virginia 20th of March 1753 –

To Question 2nd I have my father's family register

To Question 3rd When 1st called into service I lived in Cumberland County Virginia when called out at other times I lived in this County and have lived in this County ever since the revolutionary war.

To Question 4th I was drafted the 1st and last time I enlisted once, and substituted myself twice, but cannot recollect for whom –

To Question 5th. This Question was answered to the satisfaction of the Court.

To Question 6th I never received a discharge in writing

To Question 7th Lewis Chandoin and Arch Bryce Esquire.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Poor, X his mark

[Lewis Chandoin, a clergyman, and Archibald Bryce gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Be it known that on this 20th day of August 1833 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Busby a resident of said

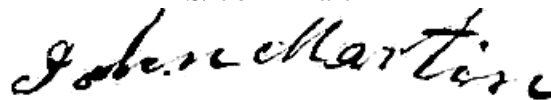
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<sup>1</sup> FPA S18104

<sup>2</sup> FPA R1526

County and a credible person and being first duly sworn, deposeth, that, Thomas Poor of this said County now suing for a pension in the Revolutionary War at the time Cornwallis was in Virginia served a tour in the militia with him, and he recollects, when the Army attacked a vessel of the enemy aground, said Poor was wounded, and he saw him scramble through the marsh and mount Colonel Morris' horse and said Poor said "he had a blue plumb in him"<sup>3</sup> – and John Martin also a resident of the said County and a credible person who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that in the spring of the year in which Cornwallis was captured he and Thomas Poor of the said County now suing for a pension served a tour of duty together on James River under Colonel Morris, and that he well remembers that said Poor was wounded in an attack made on and enemy's vessel which was aground in the River – And that he considered said Poor one of the bravest men in the Army.

S/ William Busby, X his mark  
S/ John Martin



[f p. 10: John Salmon [FPA W5980] likewise gave a supporting affidavit but the handwriting of the scribe and the fading of the ink make it impossible to discern much of the text of his affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$85 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia service.]

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Goochland County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable, The Speaker & Members of the General Assembly of Virginia. The petition of William Poor humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioner was a soldier in the Militia of this State at the time of Phillips'[William Phillips's] invasion & was shot through the thigh – from the enemy's Shipping, that he was at the time & has been ever since greatly disabled in consequence of said wound, he is now advanced in years, is unable to labour, he therefore prays your Honorable body to grant him such relief as he may be justly entitled to & your Petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ Thos. Poor



[Reverse]

Thos. Poor's Petition

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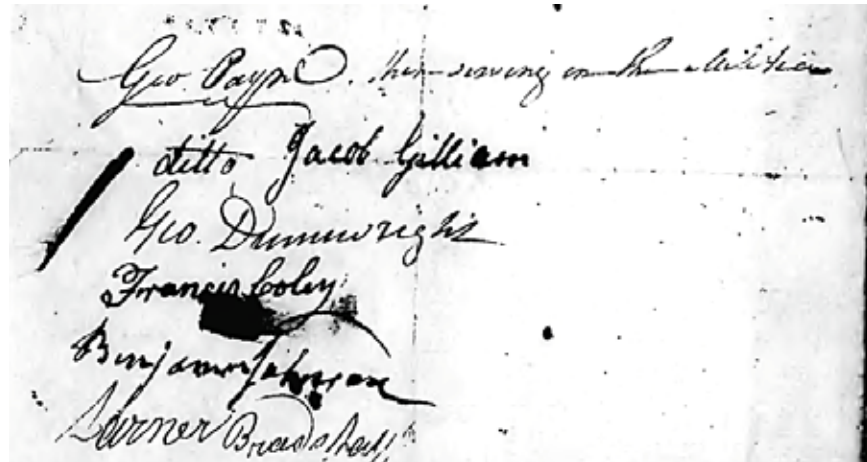
<sup>3</sup> "He had a blue plumb in him,"

To Claims  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1808  
Reasonable  
Reported Dev.  
23<sup>rd</sup> 1808

Goochland County December 1808

We the Subscribers do certify that we were in the Militia of said County called into the service of our Country at the time of Phillips' invasion. That Thomas Poor one of Captain Edmd Duke's [Edmund Duke's] Company received a wound in his thigh from the Enemy's Shipping then in James River & was brought off the Brown by Mr. William J Morton, who was also serving in the Militia at [the] same time Mr. Poor oft times complains of his wound & we believe it to be very injurious to him & prevents his necessary attention to the Support of his family.

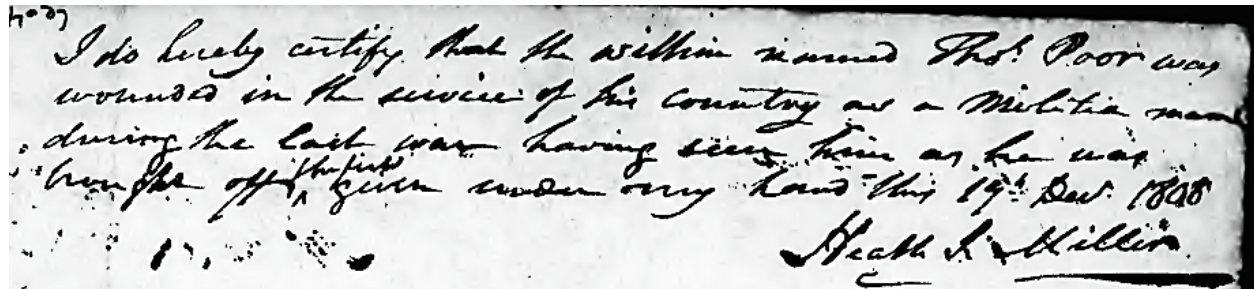
S/ George Payne, then serving in the Militia  
ditto S/ Jacob Gilliam  
S/ George Drummright [?]  
S/ Francis Coley  
S/ Benjamin Johnson  
S/ Larner Bradshaw<sup>4</sup>



Geo. Payne  
ditto Jacob Gilliam  
Geo. Drummright  
Francis Coley  
Benjamin Johnson  
Larner Bradshaw

I do hereby certify that the within named Thomas Poor was wounded in the service of his country as a militia man during the last war having seen him as he was brought off the field.  
Given under my hand this 19 December 1808

S/ Heath J. Miller



I do hereby certify that the within named Tho: Poor was wounded in the service of his country as a Militia man during the last war having seen him as he was brought off the field given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1808  
Heath J. Miller

<sup>4</sup> [Larner Bradshaw S35200](#)