

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose Powell S14197

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State of Kentucky Estill County: SS

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before P. B. Clark, Samuel Tipton, John Welcoon & Hiram McGuire Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Estelle aforesaid now sitting Ambrose Powell a resident of Estill County aforesaid aged 71 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 & served as herein stated –

That in the latter part of 1780 his Father Thomas Powell was drafted in the Militia from Orange County Virginia – that he went as a substitute in his Father's place & served out the tour of about two months – Robert Miller was his Captain – Thomas Barbour was Colonel – we marched to Fredericksburg & there stationed & was there also discharged as soon as he marched home he was drafted for a tour on his own account & immediately started – George Waugh was his Captain – Barbour was his Colonel – we were marched to old Richmond – was there when the British burnt the warehouses at Manchester [April 30, 1781]. We went from Richmond to 4 mile Creek then to Mobbins Hill [Malvern Hills] lay there some days – thence back to within 2 miles of Richmond – General Lafayette was a little to the right of us – I was in General Stevens' Brigade – 300 men were picked out at this place to go back to Mobbins Hill. I was picked out as one – We marched to Mobbins Hill under command [of] Major Boyce – at Mobbins Hill we helped tear up a large wooden Bridge to prevent the British from Crossing – We then retreated towards Richmond – Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] was pursuing after retreating before him several days we joined the main Army near Brock's Bridge – continued with the Army marching from place to place & was finally discharged this tour at a place called Dandridge's old Fields – Was out about two months or more – Immediately after he returned home he went on a 3rd Tour as a substitute for Reuben Clark of Culpeper County – Joseph Early was his Captain – Sampson Mathews Colonel – General Stevens' [Edward Stevens] Brigade – we marched down to Richmond, thence to New Castle – toward the Chickahominy – to Williamsburg or the Barracks – served this tour two months or more – & was discharged below Williamsburg – after this Tour was out he continued with the Army sometime longer in an artillery company commanded by a Frenchman by the name of Dalton – was with this company two weeks or more – has been in [indecipherable word, I think it may be an attempt to abbreviate Kentucky] between forty & fifty years – has resided in Estill County between 30 & 40 years or that long in his present house – he has no documentary evidence to prove his service & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to establish them –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present &

declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State –
S/ Ambrose Powell, X his mark

[Samuel Kelley, a clergyman, and Robert Clark gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Estill County: Sct.


On this 17th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John W Moore, Sampson Walters & Patterson B. Clark Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Estelle aforesaid, now sitting, Ambrose Powell, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration supplementary to his Declaration made in this Court on the 20th of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he was born in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia in the year 1761 – that he has no record of his age, but always understood he was born in that year on the 18th day of January. That he was living in the County of Orange Virginia when he went into the Service – that after the war he removed to Albemarle County Virginia where he resided about one year & a half – from thence he removed to Kentucky where he has resided ever since & now resides in Estill County as stated in his original declaration. He recollects well General Stevens & General Lawson. He recollects seeing Lafayette at Yorktown, who generally with his command lay upon the right of Stevens, to whose Brigade the applicant belonged – He does not now recollect the names particularly of other regular officers. – He thinks he never had any written discharge. He states that Preacher Kelly & Robert Clark, the clerk of the Court have long known him & can testify concerning his character & the [indecipherable word]¹ of his services – & have so testified –

That he cannot state precisely the length of time he served as a soldier of the Revolution, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than 6 months & a half as a private in the Militia in the Army of the Revolution, & for such service he claims a pension – he is confident he served that long.

S/ Ambrose Powell, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months & 15 days in the Virginia service.]


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