

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Potter S14211

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State of Kentucky Mercer County:

On this 8th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Mercer County Court now sitting John Potter¹ Senior, a resident Citizen of said County and State aged seventy-one 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 the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.. I John Potter [again, last name looks like Polter] do hereby state on oath being sworn and interrogated by the court That I was born in Orange County State of Virginia on the 31st day of July 1762 (as my Parents informed that me) and when very young when he removed to the County of Culpeper of the same state where I resided when the war of the revolution commenced and I was called into the service of my country as follows. In the month of February 1780 (as well as I now remember) I was drafted for three months in Captain John Slaughter's company of Colonel Mathews Regiment and we marched from Culpeper County to Fredericksburg where we were stationed as a guard about six weeks, we then marched to Falmouth where we encamped a short time, then returned to Fredericksburg; and after five or six weeks more we marched down to Norfolk where our tour of three months expired and I was honorably discharged – and not long after my return home I was again drafted in Captain Towles company of Colonel Mathews Regiment and we marched down to James Town and then to Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] where we were detached as Infantry to join Colonel Washington's dragoons, and we were kept in constant marching between James Town, Williamsburg and Richmond until our Tour of three months expired and I was discharged near James Town, I was not in any battle during the above two tours – Again about the first of June 1781 I was drafted in Captain Wood's company of Colonel Allcock's Regiment and we marched to meet Lord Cornwallis, we first went near Richmond which we found in possession of the British and that our Army had retreated we having left in the rear and narrowly escaped being taken, we joined the main Army under General Wayne in Orange and then retreated into Culpeper here General Lafayette and Wayne having united with us we turned upon Cornwallis and pursued him to near James Town I was with the rear Guard of the Army when General Wayne ventured a Battle with Cornwallis and we were worsted and retreated to Mobbin Hills at which place my time expired and I was honorably discharged – having in the whole perform nine months of actual service in the Revolutionary War. I further declare that I have no documentary evidence of my age and services and I do not now know of any person who was with me in service by whom I can prove them but my neighbors Fielding Ransdale and Jesse Dunn and

¹ name looks more like "John Polter" as written

Elizabeth Sanford and Wharton Ransdale know of my having been out in the Army at the time I have stated. I further declare that I am not now a Pensioner of the United States or of any State, and I hereby are relinquishes all claim which I may have to any pension or annuity except the Present – I further state that I lived in Virginia until the year 1793 when I removed to Kentucky & settled in Mercer County where I now reside. Witness my hand this 3rd day of December 1832

S/ John Potter, X his mark

[Elizabeth Sanford and Wharton Ransdell gave a supporting affidavit stating that they saw all the veteran march off in service.

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Elizabeth Sanford

Wharton Ransdell

[Martin C Duncan, a clergyman, Fielding Ransdall and Jesse Dunn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]