

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Casper Pottorf S17024

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The State of Ohio Preble County Court of Common Pleas of the Term of March 1833 SS  
On this twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable the Judges of the court of common Pleas in and for the the County of Preble and State of Ohio, now sitting, Casper Potterf a Resident of the County of Preble and State of Ohio aforesaid, aged seventy four 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 seventh eighteen hundred and thirty two.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That some time in the winter of 1777 he was drafted for three months to serve in the Militia of Frederick County Maryland, in Captain John Barnard's company. Deponent does not recollect who either of the field officers were during this tour. that they marched to Philadelphia and remained there about sixteen days, from which place we marched into New Jersey and again marched Back to Philadelphia. and from thence home where he was released from further service by the expiration of his time. Deponant further states that some time in the month of January seventeen hundred and eighty one, he was drafted for three months, to serve in the Militia of Rockbridge County Virginia in Captain James Buckhannans [James Buchanan's] Company of Colonel John Boyers [probably John Bowyer's] Regiment, of General Muhlenbughs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] brigade. he marched from Rockbridge County Virginia to a place called Edmunds hill [or Edmonds Hill] near the dismal swamp where he was in a small engagement on the opposite side of the dismal swamp from where the american army then lay. from Edmunds hill we marched to Gregory's Camp in N. Carolina at which place he was discharged and returned home. That some time in the last of August of the same year, he was drafted for three months to serve in the Militia of Rockbridge County Virginia in Captain Charles Campbell's company of Colonel Samuel Lewis Regiment of General [Edward] Stevens's Brigade. we marched from thence to Williamsburg, and from thence to York, where Cornwallis was then stationed, where Cornwallis in a short time after surrendered [19 Oct 1781], and that he assisted in Guarding the prisoners to Winchester Barracks in Frederick County Virginia and there he was discharged and returned home. The whole time that deponant served was nine months. Deponant can prove a part of the above services by Frederick Miller who was with deponant in the second tour above mentioned, who was personally acquainted with this deponant. He never received a written discharge. he has a written record of his age from which it appears that he was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania on the nineteenth day of December seventeen hundred and fifty nine. He lived in Pennsylvania until he was about eight or nine year old, from thence he moved to Maryland where he resided ten or eleven years, from thence he moved to Virginia where he resided about twenty two years and from thence he moved to the County of Preble in the State of Ohio, where he has ever since resided, and where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

[signed] Casper Pottorf

NOTE: On 1 Sep 1856 Nancy Arrasmith, 56, applied for bounty land stating that as Nancy Longnecker she married Casper "Potterf" on 6 Aug 1832, that they had three children whose names and dates of birth she listed, and that he died 4 Oct 1836. She married William Arrasmith on 1 Dec 1850.