

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Portlock S17636

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[State of Indiana Rush County]

On this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judges of the Rush Circuit Court now sitting John Portlock aged sixty-seven years a resident of Rush County State of Indiana who being 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 seventh of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States either in Virginia militia or as a volunteer he does not recollect which in 1781 in Augusta County Virginia in the company commanded by Captain David Gwinn [also spelled Gwin, Gwenn] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McCreery [Lt. Col. John McCreery]. That they shortly afterwards joined the main Southern Army under Major General Nathaniel Green [Nathanael Greene], That the applicant fought in the left wing under Colonel Campbell [could be either Lieutenant Colonel Richard Campbell or Colonel William Campbell, both of whom were present at the battle of Guilford] at Guilford Court House on the 16 of March 1781 [sic, March 15, 1781] in which severe and unfortunate conflict your Applicant was slightly wounded – that your applicant with with the said Captain Gwinn and Col. McCreery until they joined the main Army, then by Colonel Campbell That after the battle he retreated to Haw River Iron works where after remaining some was discharged, after having served for the term of 6 months. That the General he served under was General Greene, Colonel McCreery and Captain Gwinn. He hereby states that he relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of the Agency of any State

S/ John Portlock, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Robert Thompson, Clerk

The Court now here propounds questions and the answers thereto our annexed first When and in what year was you born

Ans. In Shenandoah County Virginia 7 day of July 1765

Q. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Ans. I have in a hymn [book?] my mother gave me

Q. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you live now

Ans. When called into service I lived in Augusta County Virginia, I have lived since in Kentucky & Indiana & I now live in Rush County Indiana

How were you called into service did you volunteer or were you drafted or were you a substitute and if a substitute and for whom

A. I volunteered

Q. State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. General Green others I cannot recollect nor the number of the Regiment it was what was called Campbell's Regiment

Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it

A. I think Captain Gwinn gave me a discharge but it is lost

Q. State the name of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character

Elias Poston, John Blades

[Elias Poston & John Blades, both clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died January 30, 1849; there is no family data in this file

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]