

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Powers S18166

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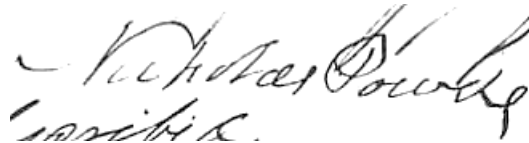
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State of South Carolina Darlington District

On this the Seventeenth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Bayliss Earle one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions of the said State Nicholas Powers a resident of the District of Darlington aged Seventy-five years who being duly sworn according to Law, doth in [sic] his oath make the following statement & declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Pension made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States under Captain Robert Loyle [Robert Lyle] of the third Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel William Thomson [William Thomson] and that he served under the said Colonel William Thomson three years – that he enlisted in the Militia service and served there two years previous to his entering the regular Service – Colonel Richardson [Richard Richardson] was Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in which he enlisted – That after entering the regular service at Camden he went from there to Georgia, was up & down the Savannah River & states that he was wounded in the memorable siege of Savannah. That he returned home after being wounded & did not receive from the Commander of the Regiment any certificate or regular discharge. That he served five years in the whole three in the regular service & two in the Militia.

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 any Agency of any State.

S/ Nicholas Powers



[Robert Campbell, a clergyman, and Rasha Cannon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Darlington District: On this day the 21st of October 1833

Personally appeared before me Nicholas Powers of the District and State aforesaid resident &c aged Seventy Seven years; was born A.D. 1756 and swears that the Bible in which his age was recorded was either lost or burned during the Revolution. That he was born near Cheraw, That he was living in and learning his trade in Camden at the time he entered the service of his Country -- that he never obtained a regular discharge, for being severely wounded he was carried home & never afterwards returned.

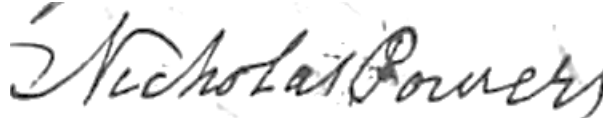
Now Nicholas Powers being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress made and passed the 7th day

of June A.D. 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 under Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] and served in the 3rd Regiment of Rangers where he was soon appointed Sergeant for a time: And as soon as Colonel Thompson found he could write made him occasionally a Clerk (as few of the officers or men could write their names) – Robert Loyle [Robert Lyle] was Captain of the company which he was in = which Company formed a part of Colonel William Thompson's Regiment: and that he served three years in the Regular Service, and to in the Militia. That Colonel Richardson [Richard Richardson] was Colonel of the Militia in which he enlisted -- His memory being infirm he thinks the Staff officers were General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] Colonel William Thompson & Major Samuel Wise. That the Company officers were Captain Robert Loyle Lieutenant John Jones & Nicholas Powers himself acted as Sergeant: That he served in said Regiment in various capacities for three years. That he resided in Camden Kershaw District South Carolina when he entered the service: That he was engaged in the memorable Siege of Savannah¹ where he was severely wounded & will carry to his grave. That it was there he was sent home, & before he got well the Regiment was disbanded & therefore, never received any regular discharge That he never thought one essential not looking to any requisition of this sort. He further states upon oath that Colonel Richardson was Colonel of the militia under whom he served two years -- that he served his country five years two in the Militia service & three in the regular Army -- That during his Service he was up and down the Wateree, Congaree, & Santee Rivers, occasionally to Charleston & Coosahatchie [rivers] And up and down the Savannah from the town of Savannah to Augusta Georgia; That he was often stationed at Fort Stanberry Georgia and went up & down the Ogeechee River & that he was good & true to the American Cause: That he has never received any pension and never expects any; unless he now gets one from the Government. That he never received payment for his services while in the Army or very little; That times were so hard that he could get nothing but fatigue, hardships & privations and occasionally a skirmish or fight.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State --
Sworn to & subscribed the 21st day of October 1833 before
S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

S/ Nicholas Powers



[Robert Campbell, a clergyman, and Isaiah DuBose gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me Nicholas Powers & made oath that by reason of old age & partial loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise period of his service but to the best of his knowledge he served as stated in his declaration.

Sworn to before made this 21st October 1833

S/ John B Bryce, CC SC

S/ Nicholas Powers

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Personally appeared before me Colonel Benjamin Rogers & George McCall² who being duly

¹ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

² [George McCall R6598](#)

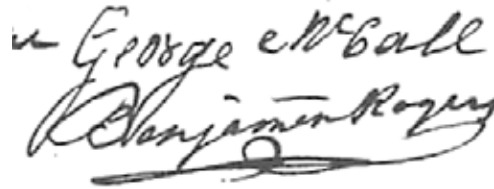
sworn testifies that they have known the declarant Nicholas Powers ever since & during the War of the Revolution. That it has ever been said that he received a wound which he now bears in the memorable siege of Savannah & Colonel Benjamin Rogers states that he saw the declarant as soon as he returned to his mother's domicile near Cheraw -- then immediately from the Service of his Country -- Colonel Benjamin Rogers further states that he was born in 2 miles from the declarant & therefore knows him from infancy. That he is certain the declarant was in the regular service & called in by competent authority -- & believes from common report at that day that declarant served in the militia service.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this the 21st of October 1833.

S/ Jno. B. Bruce, CCPS

S/ George McCall

S/ Benjamin Rogers

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is "George McCall" and the bottom signature is "Benjamin Rogers". Both signatures are written in a fluid, connected style typical of the early 19th century.

[pp 12-13: is an earlier declaration dated October 17, 1832 filed by the veteran before Bayliss Earl, Judge, in which the veteran made a more summary statement of his services than is set forth above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$103.04 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 2 years in the South Carolina militia and Continental line.]