

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Page Portwood S1867

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State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS

On this 30th day of August 1839 personally appeared before me Edward Scott one of the Circuit Judges of law and equity in and for the State of Tennessee and this 2nd Judicial Circuit now sitting in said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee Page Portwood a resident of the said County of Anderson State of Tennessee aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn up according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in January 1789 [sic, 1779?] with Captain Isaac Taylor and served in what was called the Illinois department under the following named officers, he lived on the Mississippi River at Fort Jefferson and in January 1781 he enlisted for three years as first Sergeant under Captain Isaac Taylor and Major John Williams' Regiment called the Illinois Department, rendezvoused at Fort Jefferson under General George Rogers Clark, marched up the Ohio River to the Falls Fort Nelson where Louisville now stands. We arrived there in November 1781 and was stationed there until the October following. We then marched against the Indians to the New Chillicothe Towns in the State of Ohio we burnt the Towns, killed some Indians and took some prisoners. We then marched to McKees Town Burnt it and took one white man from the Indians, that they had as a prisoner we then marched back to Fort Nelson was stationed there and scouted occasionally through the Country after the Indians till August 1784, was then honorably discharged his discharge was signed by Major George Wails [Geroge Wales? or George Wells?] which discharge is lost or mislaid his enlistment is also lost or mislaid having served about three years & six months as a first Sergeant. He has the following Documentary evidence which you will receive here with enclosed receipts for a rifle gun dated January 25 1782 signed by Blackford Receipts for one narrow ax dated Falls of Ohio, 16 July 1782 signed Bland Ballard C. M., Receipt for one Rifle gun dated October 22nd 1782 signed Zipinhah [?] Blackford, C. M. Stores, Receipt for one musket & Bayonet dated October 18, 1782 signed Zepheriah Blackford C. M. [indecipherable word or abbreviation] and another Receipt for 2 muskets and 3 bayonets dated January 18th 1782 signed Z. Blackford, C. M. S. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension of any pension Roll of Any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Page Portwood

Page Portwood

[f p. 9: Certificate given by James Hall, JP that J. Coffy Childs, 32, appeared before him and gave oath that he is the administrator of the estate of Page Portwood who died in January 1847 a pensioner of the United States.]

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Fort Nelson Jany 18th 1782

Received two Muskets three Baganets
of Page Portwood Seriant in Capt.

Isaac Taylors Company of the Illinois
Department by me

S/ Z. Blackford, C. M. S.

Fort Nelson Jany 19th 1782
Received two Muskets three Baganets
of Page Portwood Seriant in Capt
Isaac Taylors Company of the Illinois
Department by me.
Z. Blackford
C.M.S.

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the Falls of Ohio 16 July 82

there [?] Received [?] won [one] narrow ax of sergt.

portwood I say he seaved Bejan [????]

S/ Bland Ballard Q. M. [Quarter Master]

The hands of which
were received from
Portwood of Serj
this 22d of Octr 1782
Rec'd by me
Zephaniah Blackford
C. M. Stores

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Received one Rifle Gun of Serj
Page Portwood of Capt Taylor Company
this 22d of Octr 1782
Rec by me
S/ Zephahiah Blackford
C. M. Stores

Received one Rifle Gun of Serj
Page Portwood of Capt Taylor Company
this 22nd of Octr 1782
Rec'd by me
Zephaniah Blackford
C. M. Stores

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Received one musket & Baganet of Pige
Portwood. it being the Stand that was
Robert Davis of Capt Taylor Company
Octr 18th 1782 Rec'd by me
S/ Zephaniah Blackford
C. M. S

Received one musket & Bagonet of Page
Portwood. It being the Stand that was
Robert Davis of Capt. Taylor Company
Oct: 18th 1782 Rec'd by me
Zephaniah Blackford
C. M. Store

Received one Rifle Gun out of Repair
of Page Portwood Sergt. in Baley Company
June 25th 1782 Rec'd by me
S/ Z. Blackford
C. M. Store

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]