

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Hancock Porter S21428

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South Carolina Union District: to wit

On this 6th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now sitting for said District, Hancock Porter [sic], a resident of Union District, aged seventy-seven 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 7th, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein named -- "In April 1776, I entered the Service under Captain Brandon (afterwards Colonel Brandon) [Thomas Brandon] in Union District, and marched to Colonel Thomas's where we fell under his command, and then marched to Princes Fort on Tiger River, and from thence to the Indian Towns on the frontier, -- and after destroying the Towns, we collected at the point where the Seneca Fort was afterwards built; -- from this place we marched in a direction to the Valley Towns, beyond the mountains -- and after one engagement with the Indians returned, circuitously to the Seneca Fort -- and were discharged by Colonel Thomas -- having served about 6 months -- I afterwards served 2 or 3 tours, under Colonel Brandon and other officers, but cannot recollect the dates, nor can not I say how long. I have no Documentary evidence of my Services, and can only refer to Captain Joshua Palmer,¹ and Joseph McJunkin² to prove my Services --

To the interrogatories propounded by the Court I answer

1 & 2 I was born in Lancaster County Virginia. I know nothing of my age but from information and have no Record.

3. I lived in Union, when I entered the service and have lived there ever since --

4. I entered as a volunteer; and served one tour for my Brother Lancelot Porter.

5. See within --

6. I never received any written discharge

7. I refer to the Reverend Elias Mitchell and Captain Palmer to prove my character for truth and [indecipherable word] comportment -- I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ Hancock Porter, X his mark

[John Jennings, a clergyman, and Joshua Palmer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [Joshua Palmer S21912](#)

² [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

State of South Carolina Union District: Hancock Porter Personally appeared before me and deposed as follows in order to explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 -- And states as follows --

This deponent States on oath that his services as a Soldier was during the Revolutionary War in defense of his Country against the British Tories & Indians --

On my first Tour under Captain Brandon & Colonel Thomas I served 6 months as stated in my declaration;

I again served 2 ~~or~~ 3 tours of duty. Sometimes under Colonel Steen Captain Jolly & again under Jolly & Brandon at Bacon's Bridge, of one month each --

I was out another Tour under Colonel Brandon the time of the Battle of the Eutaws [sic, Eutaw Springs] one month, but was confined with the fever at the time of the Battle -- I again was stationed at the Block House & served a Tour of duty of 3 months --

I again served another Tour of duty under cap major jolly and was stationed at Ancrum's and was out at that time at the least one month.

This deponent has no documentary evidence of his Services but can prove by Captain Joshua Palmer that he has performed part of the Services within specified.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th May 1833

S/ Jeffrey Palmer, JP

S/ Hancock Porter, X his mark

[Note: the file contains no supporting affidavit by either Joshua Palmer or Joseph McJunkin.]