

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Porter S21928

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

Be it known that on this 16th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me James A. Black a Justice of Quorum in and for the District aforesaid Samuel Porter (Senior) a resident of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina, aged sixty-nine 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 stated -- that entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Militia man under the command of Captain Andrew Wilson Major Armstrong Battalion Colonel Pasley [sic, John Paisley] Regiment of North Carolina Militia, the adjutant name was Ralston, that he entered the service about the first of September 1780 that the company formed at Guilford Court house in the State of North Carolina from whence they marched and joined General Davison [sic, William Lee Davidson] at a place called Providence [sic, New Providence] in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, that he continued to serve under the command of General Davidson until his time of service expired which was about the first of December (as well as he now recollects), having served out his 3 months tour. That he resided in North Carolina Guilford County, when he done this service and during the whole of the Revolutionary war.

That he was again employed by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] to ride express from one part of the State to another & from part of the Army to another & from the public store at Guilford to the different detachments then under arms in the neighborhood and found his own horse for which service he was to receive the same pay and rations as if under arms and it was to be counted to him as a tour of service performed -- in which service he acted for the term of 3 months or more that he entered this service about the first day of May 1781 and left it about the first of August 1781.

That in addition to the above 2 tours of service he was repeatedly out for 2 or 3 weeks at a time for the purpose of dispersing the Tories that were numerous and troublesome in Randolph County and other parts of the State. He thinks he was out in about 6 short scouts amounting in all to three or four months of service as a volunteer Mounted Militia man, that all those he is certain he served as much as 9 months or more faithfully in the cause of his country during the revolution that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not found on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S Samuel Porter (Senior), X his mark

[James Cosper, a clergyman, and George Pettigrew gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Abbeville District

Be it known that on the 17th day of June 1833 before me James A. Black a Justice of Quorum in and for the District & state aforesaid personally appeared Samuel Porter (Senior) and on oath doth make the following declaration as an amendment or explanation of his declaration which he formally made in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 that he in his first tour of service in the Militia under Captain Abraham Wilson, in Paisley's Regiment which was 3 months as set forth in his first declaration, he further saith that he did serve at least 4 months in various scouts as a volunteer mounted militia man being called out by the commanding officer of the company where he lived on various occasions to drive off the Tories who were troublesome and the adjoining County to where he did live, but that in consequence of old age & consequently debility and almost entirely loss of memory he [is] unable to give the name of the officers under whose command he served except Andrew Wilson a Captain who commanded the scouts generally that he was as he now thinks and that he cannot fix with precision the length of each tour but he is conscious that it could not be less than 4 months in all making altogether 7 months in actual, active & dangerous service for which I claim a pension.

He also on oath makes the following answer to the first, 2nd, 5th & 7th interrogatories prescribed by the war department

Interrogatory 1st where and in what year were you born

Ans: I was born in Guilford County State of North Carolina on the 25th of January 1763.

Interrogatory 2nd have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans: I have no record of my age all that I know of the matter is what I was told by my parents.

Interrogatory 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops & where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your Service

[no answer shown on the Footnote.com version of this document]

Interrogatory 7th State the names of persons in your present neighborhood to whom you are known, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: I am acquainted with James A. Black, Esquire, Doctor Alexander B. Arnold, Doctor James Hunt, the Reverend James Cospers, the Reverend Thomas Bigbie, Archibald Mauldin, Thomas Patterson, George Pettigrew, Hugh Robertson & others

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th day of June 1833 before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Samuel Porter Senior, X his mark