

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Powell S31912

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State of Georgia, Elbert County: SS

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before their Honors, Dillard Hendon, James Oliver, & William A Beck Justices of the Inferior Court in and for the County of Elbert and State of Georgia, now sitting for said County, Francis Powell a resident of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia aged eighty-two years, 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated, that he volunteered into the service of the United States under Captain Johnson [probably Benjamin Johnson] in the Regiment commanded by Major Cave<sup>1</sup> & Colonel Burley [this is probably a mistaken reference to Lieutenant Colonel Zachariah Burnley] on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year seventeen hundred and \_\_\_ – that when he volunteered into said service he lived in Orange County State of Virginia, joined his Regiment at the Barracks in Albemarle County and there remained three months guarding of prisoners, after the expiration of the said 3 months he was discharged from the Service.

That he also volunteered into the United States Service for three months under the following named officers on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1781 and served as herein stated, to wit, under Captain Waw [George Waugh] in the Regiment commanded by Major Cary – and Colonel Mathews, that when he volunteered into said Service he resided in Orange County State of Virginia, and joined his Regiment in Gloucester State of Virginia, and remained until Lord Cornwallis and his Army surrendered [October 19, 1781], and was discharged after the expiration of 3 months Service. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services as a Revolutionary Soldier, that he was drafted for two other tours, for which he hired substitutes to wit Phil Ballard the first & Charles Brown for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 months tours each. He says he was born in Culpepper County State of Virginia on the 26 day of January in the year 1750, says that he has no record of his age. He says that he lives in Orange County State of Virginia, when called each time into the Service where he lived until the year 1796, when he removed to the State of Georgia in Elbert County where he has resided ever since, and resides there now. He says that he volunteered into the service. He says that the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where he served were \_\_\_ in the Continental and Militia Regiments as well as he can recollect were \_\_\_\_\_. He says that he received written discharges from both Tours of service, the last was

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<sup>1</sup> There is no officer of this rank and Cave listed as having served in Orange County militia, but Belfield Cave succeeded Capt. Benjamin Cave as a captain of an Orange County militia company.

signed by Major Cary – both were either lost or destroyed.

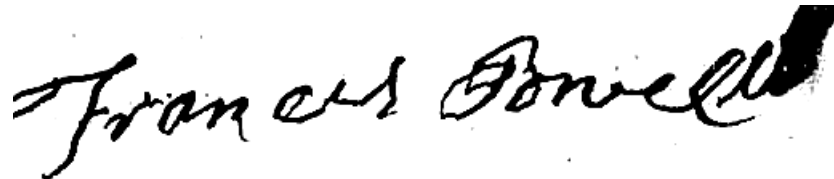
The names of the persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the revolution our Colonel David Dobbs, Moses Cash, and Toliver Gaines. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Attest

S/ Benjamin W Fortson, Clk

S/ Francis Powell

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, bold initial "F". The end of the signature is obscured by a black rectangular redaction mark.

[James Davis, a clergyman, and Picket Shiflett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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