

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Powell S31915

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State of Georgia County of Dooly

On this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Lott Warren Judge of the Superior Courts of the County and State aforesaid, now sitting and holding the March adjourned Term of said Superior Court 1833, Lewis Powell a resident & citizen of the said State and County, aged eighty-two years eight months and two days, 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 after stated, to wit, In the County of Robeson in the State of North Carolina some 5 or 6 months before the capture of Charleston South Carolina, the day and year not recollected, the deponent was drafted and mustered into service under Captain Ralph Riggins & proceeded to Amey's Bridge on Drowning Creek in Bladen County North Carolina where the said company joined several other Companies raised in Bladen and the adjacent Counties, and remained Stationed there (except when and in pursuit of Tories) 9 months -- Major Thomas Owens, Colonel Thomas Robeson and General Brown commanded the militia stationed at the above place. The object of the above embodiment of the Militia was to counteract, and if it the operations of the Tories, who had assembled together below them at or near a Swamp called Wakkamain [sic, Waccamaw?]. The deponent constantly served under the above mentioned Drafts, and was there discharged. The deponent returned home, and shortly afterwards, the day and year not recollected, but he thinks it was about the time that Lord Cornwallis was reported to be in South Carolina & before Gates defeat, joined a Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain William Moore, James Adkins was first Lieutenant, Philip Blount was 2nd Lieutenant & Charles Pate was Ensign of said Company of cavalry. The deponent in this Company of Cavalry served a tour of 6 months in Robeson County North Carolina on & near the dividing line between North and South Carolina. Said Company rendezvoused at Lumberton, and was organized & served with a view to the defense of the Citizens against the depredations of the Tories. The deponent after having served 6 months as aforesaid the said Company of Cavalry was discharged. -- Shortly afterwards, he thinks about a month and a half, he again volunteered in another Company of Cavalry formed and organized for a 6 months Tour Nathaniel Hawthorne was Captain, Francis Coffee was first Lieutenant & Joshua Grantham was 2nd Lieutenant (the Ensign's name not recollected). This Company served 6 months, the deponent serving & remained with said company the whole of the time, and was then discharged -- This Service was performed in the County of Robeson against the Tories and for the protection & defense of the Whig Citizens, -- And he thinks that is said last mentioned Tour was performed about the time of, or not long before the Battle at

Guilford Court House in North Carolina but his memory as to the precise time does not now serves him -- About 2 or 3 months after the deponent was discharged as last aforesaid he volunteered in a Company of Foot Militia commanded by Captain John Riggins (a brother of the Captain Ralph Riggins, before and named) and Richard Riggins another brother was first Lieutenant (the names of the other officers of said Company not recollected) -- The deponent in said last mentioned Company was marched to the City of Wilmington North Carolina for the purpose of aiding in the defense of that City -- this was before Wilmington was taken by the Enemy. The said company remained 3 or 4 weeks and was marched back to Robeson County when the company was organized, & the balance of the Term was employed in defending against the Tories. The deponent in said last mentioned Company actually served nearly 3 months and was then discharged -- Afterwards, not more than one or 2 months he thinks, the deponent again volunteered in a company of Cavalry at first commanded by Captain William Blount afterwards by Captain William Starling and was mustered into service at Lumberton aforesaid. This Company joined 2 other Companies of Cavalry, -- Major John Riggins, Colonel Elias Barnes & General John Willis commanded and directed the operations of said 3 Companies -- They were stationed at & near the line between North and South Carolina in Robeson County & for the purpose of protecting the persons & property of the Whig Citizens -- The deponent served 3 months in said last mentioned company and was then discharged. Shortly afterwards about a month or 2 perhaps the deponent again volunteered in a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Riggins, who commanded us & a Major in the preceding tour, -- Thomas Barnes was first Lieutenant, Philip Blount (former Captain) was 2nd Lieutenant, and Richard Riggins was Ensign -- This Company the principal part of the tour was engaged guarding the Beef Cattle, for the use of the Army against the Tories, -- the Balance of their time was employed in making excursions against the Tories -- The deponent actually served in the said last mentioned tour 3 months and was then discharged. About 2 or 3 months afterwards the said Company of cavalry again went into service, the deponent being along, and actually served 3 months longer in defending against the Tories & guarding the Beef Cattle for the use of the Army, and the deponent was then discharged. The deponent states according to the best of his remembrance, that he served 2 or 3 additional tours of 3 months each in the said company of Cavalry and for the purposes above specified. The County of Robeson North Carolina was much infested with Tories during the Revolutionary War, -- and it was necessary for the defense and protection of the persons and property of the Whigs to keep up an effective Military force. The deponent served other tours not herein described -- He was in actual service during the Revolution more than 32 months, -- 9 months under a draft, & the balance of the time as a volunteer -- He was in but one slight engagement with the Tories -- the deponent was born in Bladen County and State of North Carolina on the first day of August 1750 according to the Record kept by his father. The deponent now has in his possession the same Record, which is becoming somewhat dim -- His residence was in Robeson County North Carolina when he went into service, and he remained there until 17 or 18 years ago, when he moved to the State of Georgia and settled in Lawrence [sic, Laurens] County Georgia, where he resided until 5 years ago when he removed and settled in the said County of Dooly where he now resides. The deponent did serve as herein before stated, that he has no documentary evidence at this time of his service, and he could not without a trouble and expense he is unable to undergo prove his services by living witnesses -- The deponent did not expect ever to be benefited by preserving his discharges & they have long since been destroyed or lost, he knows not where they are, or what became of them. The deponent was not among the Regulars during the War & did not become acquainted with any of the Regular

Officers personally, but from character only. The deponent is acquainted with David Graham Esquire Senator from the said County Dooly in the State legislature and with Thomas H. Key & Benjamin Swearingen & Solomon Spivey who with the said David Graham Esquire our neighbors to this deponent excepting Thomas H. Key. Esquire and who can testify as to the deponent's character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services before mentioned. The deponent 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, or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Georgia.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ Lott Warren, Judge

S/ Lewis Powell, X his mark

[David Graham and Benjamin H. Swearingen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Dooly County: Personally came before me Chesley Purvis a Justice of the peace for said County George Willis¹ who being duly sworn deposed and saith on oath that he knew Lewis Powell in the State of North Carolina in the County of Bladen and further states that he knew Lewis Powell to be a soldier in the Revolution war the said George Willis further states that he saw Lewis Powell several times when in actual service in defense of his Country but does not know how long he did serve. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 13th of January 1834.

S/ George Willis, X his mark

S/ Chesley Purvis, JP

[fn p. 10: on July 26, 1859 and Dooly County Georgia Isaiah Powell filed an affidavit in which he states that he is the son of Lewis Powell, a resident of Laurens County Georgia and a pensioner at the rate of \$99.16 per annum for his services in the revolution; that his father died July 25, 1839 with no widow surviving and the only children to survive him being Isaiah Powell, Harriet Stewart and Dicey Mims (who has since died).]

¹ Probably the veteran by that name whose application is FPA R11661; but it could be another veteran by the same name whose application is FPA R11639.