

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Powers S36740

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District of Kentucky SS

I Robert Trimble District Judge of the United States for the District aforesaid do Certify that on the 9th day of November 1819 came before me Lewis Powers aged sixty-five years a citizen of the United States & an inhabitant of the County of Franklin in said District & after being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he any in the County of Goochland in the State of Virginia in the year 1776 enlisted as a private Soldier to serve two years & a half in Captain Luke Jones' [Llewellyn Jones] Company in Colonel Bland's [Theodorick Bland's] Regiment of Light Dragoons in the Virginia Continental Line – that he continued in service in the said Corps until sometime in December 1778 when he was honorably discharged at Winchester in Virginia – that he was in the following battles to wit, Brandywine, Germantown & Monmouth, – that he served more than nine months, to wit – two years & a half – that he is in reduced circumstances in life & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for a support – that he has never received any pension from the Government of the United States or either of them.

The said Lewis Powers further declares that he in July 1818 made a like declaration & for the purpose aforesaid before the Honorable Henry Davage [sic, Henry Davidge] (then a Circuit Judge of the said State of Kentucky but has since resigned his office) & produced proof of his said military services & indigent circumstances; – all of which papers, after being duly authenticated, he enclosed by mail to the Honorable John C Calhoun Secretary of War, and that he has never since heard from them & expects they have been miscarried, or are lost.

S/ Lewis Power

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lewis Powers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, dark ink blot at the beginning of the first name.

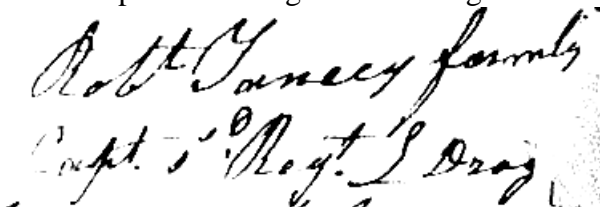
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I Robert Yancey¹ of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky do declare that I was a Captain in the first Virginia Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel Bland & in the Continental Line, that in July 1776 Lewis Powers mentioned in the paper hereto annexed enlisted

¹ [Robert Yancey S35752](#)

as a private Soldier to serve 2 years & half in Captain Jones' Company belonging to the said Regiment & that he served the said 2 years & a half as a good & faithful soldier & was honorably discharged at Winchester Virginia in December 1778

S/ Robert Yancey, formerly
Captain first Regiment L. Dragoons



Sworn to before me this 9th day of November 1819

S/ Robert Trimble, District Judge

Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

Shelby County Court July Term 1820. On this 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record of probate & Common Law Jurisdiction for the County & State aforesaid Lewis Powers aged sixty-six years resident in the County of Shelby lately Resident of the County of Franklin in said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in July 1776 for the term of two years and six months in the company commanded by Lewis Jones as Captain & the first Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Bland of the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment & was discharged in Winchester Virginia in December 1778, that he was in the Battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & he further states that he made application by his declaration dated 31st July 1818 for a pension under the act of Congress passed March 18th 1818 & received his pension Certificate dated 31st January 1820 No. 16.414, that he has drawn his pension money up to the 4th of March 1820. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, he further states that he is old & helpless & unable to do hard labor he has a wife who is very old & has been afflicted with the Dead palsy for near 12 years & is helpless, he has one child living with him a daughter about 17 years of age, his other children have left him & doing for themselves & none of them in a situation to render him assistance in in the support of himself & wife, the following the occupation of farming & the following is a list or schedule of his property to wit one old mare beast worth not more than \$20, six head of hogs worth about \$10, with some cooking utensils & table furniture worth \$10 that he has one hoe & one plow worth \$2 making in the whole his property worth about \$42.

S/ Lewis Powers

[f p. 10: On October [illegible day] 1826, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency saying that he has moved to the County of Dubois Indiana with intent to

remain there for his future prosperity & happiness.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 31, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Goochland County SS

This day William Crouch made oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that Lewis Powers joined Colonel Dabney's Regiment at Goochland Court-house in June or July 1781 and was discharged from the said Regiment in January following.

Given under my hand this 7th day of December 1808

S/ W. Pleasants

[There is a letter dated September 17, 1809 addressed to John Tyler, Gov. of VA, setting forth the claim of Lewis Powers for bounty land. The image of the letter is damage and not easily read, but it appears to say that after serving 2 ½ years in the Light Dragoons, Powers volunteered and served 'a regular tour of duty' in the Regiment of Charles Dabney.]