

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Potts S3707

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term AD 1833

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared before one William Johnson, Christopher E. McIvey [?], John W. Miller, Gilbert Marshall, Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County of Williamson, State of Tennessee; James Potts, a resident of said County and State aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June AD 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was born in the State of North Carolina in the County of Salisbury in the year 1757 where I lived until the commencement of the Revolution when I moved up into Burke County. I first volunteered into Captain Pervines' [Capt. James Purviance's] Company to go on an expedition to Cross Creek against the Tories under an officer, I think named McCloud. The company to which I belonged, I think, was attached to Colonel Locke's [Francis Locke's] regiment and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] commanded us. We were marched under him about two hundred miles, but before we arrived there the Tories were defeated by the Americans. The precise time of this service I do not recollect but know it was the first fighting we had in our parts. I was out on this expedition at least two months. I got no discharge.

In my second tour I lived in Rowan County, North Carolina. I was drafted. At that time I was engaged in waggoning with a waggon and team of my own when I was drafted. I went to Colonel Provard [? Hugh or Alexander Brevard?] who told me to procure a load of flour & pork and go with the troops. I did so. This was an expedition against the British when they landed at Savannah and came up the Savannah River to where the battle of Bryer Creek [sic, Briar Creek] was fought. I commenced this tour previous to the battle of Briar Creek in November in the year [no date]. General Rutherford commanded us. We arrived at Santee [River] a few days before Christmas about two hundred and fifty miles from home. We were marched on from Santee to the Smoky Camp on Savannah river where we stayed a short time. While we were here the Brittish passed up Savannah river towards the mouth of Briar Creek where General Ash [sic, John Ashe] with a company of troops was encamped. We marched up after the British on the opposite side. Just as we arrived the battle commenced, but before we could cross over the Americans were routed. After this we retreated under General Rutherford. Not long afterwards I was discharged. I was discharged in the month of March following the November in which my service commenced. I was allowed seventeen days to go home in. I was out in this tour at least four months and a half. I got no written discharge.

In my third tour I lived in Burke County. I volunteered under Captain Pervines in Rowan County. The British were passing the country by Salisbury moving on towards Guilford. They passed beyond Guilford and returned there again. I volunteered to go against the British at Guilford. I entered this company under Captain Pervines in the month of December about the middle of the month in the

year 1780. I volunteered for a three month tour. Our Colonel was Frank Locke and our General was Rutherford. We marched from Rowan to the high ford of Haw River where we remained some time. We then marched towards the Allamane [sic, Alamance Creek] where we joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and his army. Just before the Battle of Guilford, about the middle of March, my term of three months expired and I was discharged. Together with the company to which I belonged. I got no written discharge. I have a record of my age at home taken from my father's bible. I have no written documents of my services. I know no person who can prove my services. I can State Joseph Wakefield, William Hay, Hugh Fox, Thomas Prowell Junior whom can testify to my moral character and veracity and to their belief of my services. I recollect Colonel Maybin [sic, Robert Mebane?] who was with us in the expedition against Cross Creek. I recollect no other except those named but Major Lewis who was killed at the Alamance and who was in my last tour. I lived in Burke County until 1812 when I moved to this country, State of Tennessee, Williamson County where I now live and have lived ever since. In my last tour I served at least three months making in all nine months and a half service.

I hereby relinquish every claim to an annuity or a pension whatever, except the present and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to in open court 2nd April 1833

S/ James Potts, X his mark

S/ Thos Hardimon, Clerk

We, Thomas Prowell Junior and James Fox residents of said County & State do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Potts who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 76 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to in open court 2nd April 1833.

S/ Thos Prowell

S/ James Fox

S/ Thos Hardimon, Clerk