

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Potts S3708

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State of Tennessee Henry County: September Sessions 1832

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court -- before the Justices of the said court the same being a court of record and now in Session William Potts a resident of said County -- aged about 66 years or 67 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to entitle him to the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States about the age of 16 years in the County of Union and State of South Carolina -- at or near the close of the war the year he does not recollect -- that he went as a draftsman under Captain Richard Burgess and Colonel William Fare [sic, William Farr] and Colonel Benjamin Roebuck -- that he served a 3 months Tour that he marched from Union County to Orangeburg in South Carolina -- where he was stationed until his time of service expired -- he returned home -- and before a great while was again drafted and served about 2 months and 10 days -- under Captain James Woodson and Colonel Thomas Brandon -- during which time we were engaged a part of my time in guarding Brandon Block house -- he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain John Martindale and served about 12 months to the best of his recollection -- that he was engaged during said Tour principally in tours after the Tories in various parts of the State -- that he was in the Army at the time peace was made that he knows of no person in this State by whom he can prove services -- he has procured the affidavit of one of his old fellow soldiers and a lady of his acquaintance who resides in South Carolina of his services. He states that his name is not on the pension agency of any State in the Union and he hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 10th September 1832

S/ Thos. K. Porter, Clerk

S/ William Potts, X his mark

[K. S. Holland, John Atkins & Elias Barnum gave witness to the reputation for honesty of the applicant.][John L. Sims & Thomas Potts, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Union District: Personally appeared before me John Norman one of the Justices of the Quorum for said District Edward Prince Senior<sup>1</sup> and being duly sworn saith on his oath that he was acquainted with William Potts who formerly lived in this State but now said to be living in Tennessee and the said William Potts served a Tour of duty with him in time of the Revolutionary War at Orangeburg in the United States Service under the command of Colonel or Major Farr do not recollect which whether he was Colonel or Major at the time; Sworn to and Subscribed before me this first day of December 1831 --

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<sup>1</sup> I could find no pension application filed by someone of this name claiming service in SC.

S/ Jno Norman, QU

S/ Edward Prince, Senior, E his mark

South Carolina Union District: Personally appeared before me John Norman one of the Justices of the Quorum for said District Mary Bobo the wife of Solomon Bobo Senior and being duly Sworn saith on oath that she recollects that her Brother William Potts who formerly lived in this State (but at this time said to be living in Tennessee) was gone from home a considerable time in the time of the Revolutionary War Said to be gone down the Country to serve a Tour in the United States Service that Richard Burgess was an officer in the company he went with; and that she Recollects that he went another tour said to be gone to the Block House. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 24th day of November 1831.

S/ Jno Norman, QU

S/ Mary Bobo, X her mark

State of Tennessee Henry County: Personally appeared William Potts before me John L. Hagler an acting Justice of the peace for said County and made oath, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below -- that he served as a draftsman 3 months -- under Captain Richard Burgess Colonel Farr & Colonel Benjamin Roebuck -- that he served 2 months & 10 days under Captain James Woodson & Colonel Thomas Brandon -- that he served 12 months under Captain John Martindale -- the precise period in which I entered the service during each of said Tours I am unable to state for the reasons above stated and for which service I claim a pension. I was a private during the whole of said service.

S/ William Potts, X his mark

Sworn to before me on this 6th day of May 1833

S/ John L. Hagler, JP