

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Powell S38312

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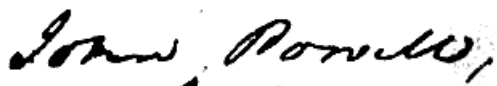
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Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 25<sup>th</sup> May 1818 appeared in open court John Powell age 59 years resident in Fauquier County, State and District aforesaid who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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, That he the said John Powell enlisted in a company of infantry commanded by Captain Thomas Ewell of the County of Prince William and State of Virginia belonging to the first Regiment of Virginia commanded by Colonel Gibson [George Gibson] of the State aforesaid; that he continued to serve in the said Corps and in the service of the United States from 1780 the time of his enlistment until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1783 when he received the annexed written discharge in Yorktown Virginia, that he was at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and at the siege of York and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared in open Court the day and year above written.

S/ John Powell



At a Court continued and held for the County of Fauquier the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820  
District of Virginia SS

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Fauquier (made so by express provision of Law) John Powell aged sixty-two years resident in the County of Fauquier and in the Said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that I served in the revolutionary War as follows that I enlisted as a private under Captain Thomas Ewell of the County of Prince William in said district more than three years before the end of said War, and I was attached to the first State Regiment of Virginia, Commanded by Colonel Gibson afterwards transferred to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Blueford [Abraham Buford] after his defeat [May 29, 1780] and marched to the South was taken sick and left at Hillsboro North Carolina marched from thence and joined the General D. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] on the field just at the time he had secured his victory at the Cowpens Returned to Virginia and was attached to the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Dabney was at the Siege & capture of Lord Cornwallis and continued in the said Service of the United States until the declaration of peace and I received his discharge – that my former

declaration was made in the month of May 1818 and that the number of my present certificate is 1398. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to wit one hog one broad ax two narrow axes, handsaw and Drawing Knife, two froes, one chisel, two hoes, debts due less than \$20 which articles so as aforesaid enumerated the Courts doth appraise to the sum of \$36.42. I do further declare my occupation is that of a rough Carpenter but little bodily strength to pursue it. my family is a wife aged fifty-seven years (and sickly) one Daughter named Francis [sic] aged about thirteen years (sickly) a son named Robert aged eleven years, and a Grand Daughter named Kitty aged three years.

Sworn to in open Court.

A Copy  
test: S/ Daniel Withers, Clk.

[f p. 16: torn and partially compromised discharge: the left hand margin has been cut off:

"rer [Bearer] hearof John Powell a Soldier  
ging [belonging] to the Legion Infantry of the  
aving [?] Served During the was with  
[Great] Britain the term for which he was  
[engaged or enlisted] is hereby Discharg'd on which we  
[?] that he has behav'd as a brave and  
ll [faithfull?] Soldier. Given under our  
[obliterated "hands"] at York this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of April 1783  
in the Seventh  
Year of the Commonwealth  
S/ Wm Slaughter Lut.  
S/ Abn Crump, Capt.  
Comt. Va Troops

next heard of John Powell a soldier  
going to the Legion Infantry of the  
Army of the South during the war with  
Britain the reason for which he was  
discharged was such that  
that he has been a brave  
all soldiers  
at York this 2<sup>nd</sup>  
day of April 1783  
in the Service Seventh  
year of the Commonwealth  
Wm. Langhorne Lt.  
Attest  
Am. 1783

County of Fauquier SS State of Virginia

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of Christ 1831 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the County of Fauquier John Powell resident in said County and aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first May 1820 that he the said John Powell enlisted for the term of for during the war on Easter Monday to the best of his recollection in the year 1779 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Ewell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental service that some short time after Beaufort's defeat he with the Company of Captain Thomas Ewell were transferred to the command of Colonel Beaufort that he was afterwards under command of Colonel Dabney and so served at the siege of York in the fall of 1781, that after this he marched to the Southern states from which he returned and in the spring of the year 1773 [sic 1783], he was discharged at Yorktown in Virginia which was he understood after the war was considered over. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatsoever except the present that his name was placed on the pension roll or list and issued to John Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> from which it was stricken that since then he has had no fix place of residence but has been living about from one place to another wherever he could get support, his certificate has been lost and is now lost and not within his possession consequently he cannot give its date or number nor are they recollected. That he did not sooner exhibit his claim to be restored to the pension roll because he did not know until very lately that Gibson's Regiment was now decided to have been a Continental Regiment and that the cause of striking off his name now ceased to exist – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 or

property of any description whatever and I am living at this time at the charge and charity of my County that my occupation formally was a rough Carpenter but the infirmities of age and blindness make me unable to perform any sort of labor nor had I any property in the year 1818.

Schedule of John Powell

in March 1818 no property

in May 1820 no property

at this time no property

S/ John Powell, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 7, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]