

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Powers S38315

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At a Court held for Norfolk County [Virginia], On the 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid James Powers aged eighty-one 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 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820: That he the said James Powers enlisted for the term of one year under Captain Goodman, early in the spring of 1781, in Currituck County State of North Carolina; that he was assigned to Captain Hall's [Clement Hall's] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Murphy [Hardy Murfree] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps until the \_\_\_ day of July 1782, when he was discharged from the said service at Beaton's Bridge [Bacon's Bridge] near Charleston in South Carolina, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services.

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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, that I am by occupation a Shoemaker and farmer; that I have been unable for about 7 years to do anything at my occupation as a Shoemaker, on account of a defect of sight; and from bodily infirmity can do very little on a farm; that I have a wife, named Fanny, of the age of 50 years, or thereabouts and a daughter named Fatima about the age of 6 1/2 years, who reside with me, neither of whom are capable of contributing to their support. I have also 2 sons, one named John of the age of 28 years, or thereabouts, who resides in Norfolk County, but not with me: and the other named David, about the age of 25 or 6 years, who also lives in Norfolk County, but not with me.

S/ James Powers, X his mark

Schedule of my real and personal property referred to in the foregoing declaration.

No real state. One Horse, about 15 years old; 2 sows, 8 pigs, 4 hogs about 6 months old; 4 or 5 old chairs; 2 tables, a few articles of household and kitchen furniture, to wit, one desk, 3 pewter

and 5 earthen plates, 3 iron pots, a frying pan, 2 tubs, two meat tubs, 4 or 5 empty barrels, a set of shoemaker's tools, 4 knives and forks, a hand mill, 4 spoons of pewter, half a dozen pewter teaspoons, half a dozen cups and saucers, 7 hens, and 8 ducks.

S/ James Powers, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 18th April 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Powers a private in Captain Hall's Company of the 10th Regiment<sup>1</sup> was mustered in 1781 for 12 months and that he left the service on the 10th of July 1782.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh the date above

S/ Wm Hill

At a court held in Norfolk County the 16th of July 1821

James Powers appeared in Court and made oath that at the time of making the foregoing Declaration he was, and is now, a resident of the County of Norfolk in the State of Virginia, which was omitted to be entered in the said Declaration.

[attested by William Wilson, Clerk of Court]

[Facts in file: there is a letter dated July 9, 1849 postmarked from Portsmouth Virginia in which the author says that James Powers died in 1832 leaving an only child who is not named in the letter.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1821, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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<sup>1</sup> J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> NC Regiment. See, [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_privates\\_p.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_p.html) and search for "Powers, James."