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Pension Application of John Porter S39021

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Virginia

At a Court of Quarter Sessions continued and held for Louisa County on Tuesday the 7th day of June 1818.

Pleasant Hackett and Peter Crawford two of the Justices of Peace in the County of Louisa having returned into Court their Certificate that they had taken the declaration upon oath of John Porter in the following words "Louisa County to wit, we Pleasant Hackett and Peter Crawford Justices of the peace for the aforesaid County & State of Virginia do hereby certify that John Porter, an old Revolutionary Soldier who has been grievously afflicted with Rheumatic pains, & confined to his House, being unable to dress or undress himself for upwards of thirty years, of course his poverty is too well known, having been supported by the County in which he lives for many years, and not being able to attend any Judge, or Court of record, we attended him at his House for that purpose, & he made oath before us that he enlisted into the service of the Revolutionary War in the month of February 1776 as a Soldier in Capt Everad Mead's [sic: Everard Meade's] Company of the second Virginia Regiment, upon Continental establishment, and had the honor of being in the memorable battles fought at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777], & continued in s'd. service for two years, & was discharged at Valley Forge Camp, in the month of February 1778, and that he also sometime afterwards enlisted into the eighteen months service, & was promoted to a Seargeancy and that he acted as waggon conductor six months of that time at the Petersburg station, & afterwards marched in Colonel Abraham Buford's Regiment to South Carolina, & was in the said Buford's defeat [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780], and that he was there discharged, after compleating the full Term of his enlistment. Given under our hands and seals this 20th day of May 1818."

At a Monthly Sessions Court held for Louisa County on Monday the 8th day of January 1821.

John Downing and Peter Crawford Esqu'es two of the Justices of the peace for the County of Louisa, this day returned into open Court being a Court of record, for the County aforesaid, a declaration made before them upon Oath, by John Porter which follows in these words and figures to wit, "We John Downing and Peter Crawford Justices of the peace for the aforesaid County & State of Virginia, do hereby certify that John Porter an old Revolutionary Soldier who has been greivously afflicted with Rheumatic pains & confined to his home being unable to dress or undress himself for upwards of thirty years, of course entirely unable to attend Court, that in consequence thereof we attended him at his home, when he on Oath made the following declaration before us "District of Virginia. On this 27th day of November 1820 John Porter about sixty four years of age resident in the County of Louisa, in the state of Virginia, 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 month of February in the year 1776 in Amelia County & state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt Everad Mead in the second Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, but does not at present recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded that regiment, and that he was discharged in the month of February in the year 1778 – And that he was also in the eighteen month's service & after staying the full time, was discharged by Colo. Buford and that he received a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and that the number of the pension certificate is 7719. 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 whatever, but what my County has bestowed on me as one of the poor of the parish. I had no occupation but that of a farmer, which I have not been able to attend to for upwards of Thirty years – my mother a Woman about Eighty years of age (& who has no property being supported by the overseers of the poor) & myself live in a house belonging to my Brother, also a neice of mine about seventeen years old & a little girl about four years old (neither of whom has any property – As to a Schedule of my property I have none except a few Books not exceeding in value three or four dollars worth –

John Porter