

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Potts S40275

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Ohio Pickaway County: SS

This day personally came before me Thomas Barr an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Pickaway County in the State of Ohio, David Potts a resident of said County and for a number of years personally known to me who being duly sworn deposeth and Saith that he enlisted in the Service of the United States in the month of December in the year of our Lord 1776 in the Company of Captain William Smith of Loudoun County in the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in the Virginia line first Brigade as he believes commanded by General Woodford, that he served in said line as a private Soldier until the year 1779 in the month of December when his Term of enlistment expired and he was Honorably Discharged by Colonel James Wood the then Commander of said Regiment which discharge by time or accident is now lost or destroyed – that he served actively in the said line in the Battles of Brandy-Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] – Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] also at the Storming of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] at which General Wayne commanded and also that after he was Honorably discharged as aforesaid and had returned to his home in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia he served in the Militia of said State under Colonel West at the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at Yorktown – the said deponent further saith that from his reduced Circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his Country for a Comfortable Support

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of April 1818

S/ David Potts, X his mark

S/ Thomas Barr

[f p. 5: On April 22, 1818 in Pickaway County Ohio, John Todd gave testimony in support of the application of the veteran saying that he lived in the same neighborhood with David Potts during the revolutionary war and know that he enlisted in the Army of the United States and has good reason to believe that he was a regular soldier for three years at and "afterwards this deponent met with him serving in the Militia of Virginia and was in Company with him at the taking of Lord Cornwallis and well knows that him to be the same David Potts...."

S/ John Todd<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Todd". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background. The first name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Todd". There is a small vertical line or mark at the end of the signature.

<sup>1</sup> I could not find any veteran by this name who filed for a federal pension based on service in the revolution in the state of Virginia. Consequently, this may be the only record of this veteran's service in the federal records.

The State of Ohio Pickaway County: SS

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas of Pickaway County now sitting being a court of Record created such by a Statute of the State of Ohio, David Potts aged 63 years last November a resident of said County of Pickaway in said state, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1776, he enlisted for 3 years in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment in the company commanded by Captain William Smith in the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan, in the first Brigade commanded by General Woodford, that he served faithfully the whole 3 years and was honorably discharged by Colonel James Wood, all which will more fully appear by his original declaration now on file in the War Office bearing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1818: That his pension certificate heretofore granted Ayers date of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1819 and is numbered 11618. 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

*Two mares, one four years old, the other 16 or 17 years old; a horse 12 years old and a young colt about a week old . . . . . \$ 60.00*  
*Two Cows & Calves . . . . . 20.00*  
*Two Sheep and three Lambs . . . . . 20.00*  
*Two Sows, one having six young pigs the other six pigs about six months old . . . . . 10.00*  
*Two Beds and bedding for the same . . . . . 20.00*  
*Two Metal tea Gallon Kettles, one each . . . . . 6.00*  
*One Dutch oven . . . . . 2.00*  
*One Stee Head of iron . . . . . . 50*  
*Three Windsor Chairs . . . . . 3.00*  
*and two Splinter bottom chairs . . . . . 1.00*  
*Six Knives and forks . . . . .*  
*One Pewter Platter, one earthen Platter . . . . . 1.00*  
*Three Plates . . . . . . 25*  
*Six Tea Cups & saucers or Thereabouts . . . . . 1.50*  
*or . . . . . Dollars 144.02 1/2*

That the debts by him owing amount to about \$200 and that debts owing to me do not exceed 15 or \$20, that he has no House or land, but rents the same -

This declarant further swears, that his occupation is that of a Farmer, but that owing to

age and decrepitude he can do but little more than half the labor of an ordinary man that he has a wife and two children living with him and one grandchild, that his wife is about sixty-two years old nearly helpless from age and the rheumatism, that his eldest daughter named Nancy is 23 years old, but is afflicted with the gravel so as not to be able to do more than to support herself, that his son named David Potts is about fourteen years old and unable to assist in labor, that the grandchild named Polly Wolverton is an orphan child over 14 years old and is able to labor and earn her livelihood and further saith not.

S/ David Potts, X his mark

State of Ohio Jefferson County: SS before me the Subscriber one of the Associate Judges in & for said County personally appeared John Potts<sup>2</sup> and Jonathan Potts<sup>3</sup> after being duly sworn deposed and saith that is said Jonathan saith his Brother David Potts and himself enlisted both on the same day that he is on the fifth day December in the year of our Lord 1776 in the eleventh Virginia Regiment under Captain William Smith under said Smith they served together for several months then said Company was commanded by Captain William Slawter [?]<sup>4</sup> in which company they both served for the Space of three years and then were honorably discharged by General Woodford at Baskin [indecipherably faint word] New Jersey and from the best information he the said Jonathan can obtain believe the his brother David Potts lived with somewhere in Pickaway County State of Ohio further this Deponent saith not, further the said John Potts saith that he the said John Potts did not enlist until the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1777 in the same Company with his two Brothers Jonathan Potts and David Potts commanded by said Captain William Smith that he is well assured both his brothers Jonathan and David Potts served the full term of three years in said Company afterwards commanded by Captain William Slawter and was honorably discharged several months before said Deponent was discharged [several words written over and faint and indecipherable] until the 12<sup>th</sup> of March in the year of our Lord 1783. The said John Potts was honorably discharged at Trenton in New Jersey that further the Deponent saith not. Sworn and subscribed before me the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1818

S/ James Moore, Associate Judge

S/ John Potts, X his mark

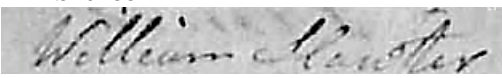
S/ Jonathan Potts, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 22, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> FPA W4767

<sup>3</sup> FPA S40288

<sup>4</sup>  The War Department interpreted this name as "William Slaughter" but I could not find any officer by that name who is shown to have served in the 11th Virginia Regiment.