

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Poe S40287

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State of Ohio SS

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of September A.D. 1818 of the Independence of the United States the 43rd and of our State the 16th personally appeared before me the subscriber president of the Court of Common Pleas of the second Circuit, John Poe of Ross County, State of Ohio who after being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposed and saith that he is in the sixtieth year of his age – that he enlisted in Winchester Virginia in the year of seventy-seven under Captain Bellfield [probably John Belfield, also spelled Bedfield], Colonel Bland [Theodoric Bland] of the horse, for three years marched to Albemarle and perform duty there a while, and then went to the South, was in the battles of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] and Cow pens [Cowpens, January 27, 1781], was in the defeat of Bleauford [Abraham Buford, Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's defeat May 29, 1780] a Colonel at hanging rock, then came toward Virginia and was taken prisoner at a place called hot-waters [Spencer's Tavern or Hot Water Plantation, June 26 1781] about seven miles from Williamsburg Virginia and there received a wound in the back of the head with a broad sword, after fourteen days imprisonment was exchanged, and joined same Regiment, and rode express between Williamsburg and little York, for French General after Lord Cornwallis' defeat & surrender [October 19, 1781] – he was discharged in about Christmas by Bellfield then a major, which is lost, and that he has no other evidence of his services, that he is in reduced circumstances and much needs the assistance of the Country for support.

Sworn to & subscribed before me at the time aforesaid at Chillicothe, Ross County, 2nd Circuit
S/ John Thompson

S/ John Poe, X his mark

State of Ohio Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 16th day of May A.D. 1819 came before me the subscriber president of the Court of Common Pleas of the Second Circuit in said State, at Chillicothe James Egan about sixty-one and William Moore aged about fifty years who after being duly sworn deposed and say that they are well acquainted with John Poe now present, Applicant for pension (of Virginia formerly) and well recollect that he the said John Poe was always reputed to have served in the revolutionary war in Regiment mustered or lay at Winchester commanded by Colonel Bland and said Egan saith that he recollects said Poe when mustered in said Regiment in winter quarters at Winchester and his name being called and believes said Poe must have served about three years, and the winter the Regiment lay in which he the said John Poe was mustered was '77 or '78 and recollects said Poe returned to Winchester in '81, and done work for deponent's father at that place. Said Moore saith that he has been acquainted with said Poe and

heard it always said Poe performed services as stated above and in application, and has no doubt of his services are good conduct in the Regiment. And further the deponent saith not.

S/ James Egan, X his mark

S/ William Moore

State of Ohio Ross County SS Supreme Court

On this twenty first day of December 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record John Poe a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged sixty-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he is a resident of the County of Ross and State aforesaid and that he served in the Revolutionary war as a soldier in Captain Hughes's Troop commanded by Colonel Bland, That he was discharged by Major Bellfield. That he was placed on the pension list 23rd June 1819 as by certificate No. 12.356. That he was in the Battle of the Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], Hot Water where he was wounded and taken prisoner and at Blueford's defeat. 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 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 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit two cows, one colt and seven or eight young hogs all worth \$60. That he has no other home than what is afforded him by his children being unable to maintain himself by labor. That he has five in family his eldest daughter is insane and helpless, his other two children are twins and about thirteen years old – Sworn to and subscribed on the 21st December A.D. 1820 in Open Court

S/John Poe, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 12, 1818, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Frederick Sct. Personally appeared John Peyton before me Robert Macky a Justice of the Peace for the said County and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that some short time after the [indecipherable word or words] between the United States and Great Britain, John Poe whom the deponent knew to be a soldier and Colonel White's Regiment of Dragoons deposited with him the said deponent a discharge from Service which as well as he can now recollect was signed by Captain Bellfield. That the deponent does not at this present time remember what he did with the said discharge, but presumes that as the said Poe has heretofore made frequent application to him for the same without getting it that it must have been lost or so mislaid among the deponent's papers that he cannot at present find it. Given under my hand this 22nd August 1796

S/ Robt Macky

I do certify that John Poe enlisted in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment for 3 years and served 2 years and 11 months, Given under my hand as Captain in said Regiment.

S/ John Watts

3rd January 1816 [could be 1810]

John Watts
3rd Jan. 1816.

Mr. Poe states that he was with a detachment of the Regiment at a place called hot water a few miles from Williamsburg and was taken by the enemy, this he says Captain Hughes well recollects his discharge was entrusted in the care of Mr. Peyton of Winchester and lost.