

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Potts S40288

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The Deposition of Jonathan Potts of the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio –

Sheweth – This Deponent into the service of his country in the Army of the Revolution on the 5th day of December in the year while Lord 1775 – enlisting for the term of three years in the company of Captain William Smith of the 11th Regiment in the Virginia Line, commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan – That he remained in that Company, Regiment and Line, serving therein in the Battles of the Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] also at the rencountre at the White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777] – Hills with the Army at Morris-Town [Morristown] New Jersey, where on the 6th day of December 1779, having completed the term of his enlistment, he was honorably discharged – he kept the discharge twelve years when removing from Virginia to the Western part of Pennsylvania he unfortunately lost it. He further deposes and says that from the very reduced and necessitous state of his circumstances he is in the greatest warrant of the assistance of the United States for support – That he never has received any pension or other compensation in lieu thereof for all or any of these Services. – & He doth hereby renounce all claim to any pension.

S/ Jonathan Potts, X his mark

State of Ohio Jefferson County SS Court of Common Pleas – In the matter of Jonathan Potts a Revolutionary Pensioner: Be it remembered that at the August term of this court in the year of our Lord 1820 Jonathan Potts of said County of Jefferson files a Declaration of his services & in the words and figures following, to wit – At a court of Common Pleas begun and held in Reuben fell in and for the County aforesaid on this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County Jonathan Potts age 65 years resident in said County of Jefferson State aforesaid 22 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the year 1776 on the 5th day of December he enlisted in the company of Captain William Smith at Leesburg in Loudoun County Virginia in the Regiment of Colonel Daniel Morgan of the Virginia line called the 11th Virginia, and this he served 3 years & was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, the Skirmish at the White Plains and was honorably discharged at Basking Ridge at Morristown by General Washington on the 6th day of December 1779, all this he has proved in his Declaration heretofore forwarded to the war Department and dated the 28th day of April 1818, upon which she has received a pension certificate number 8864 – 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. I am a farmer by occupation and unable to labor or anything, I lived with my son who is a very poor man and has a family.

S/ Jonathan Potts, X his mark

Schedule –	one ax & necessary wearing apparel	\$1.00
	Money saved on his pension	<u>20.00</u>
		\$21.00

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 28, 1818 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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

Jonathan Potts a private Soldier in the 7th Virginia Regiment in the service of the United States of America having faithfully served the term of his enlistment is now discharged from any further Service in the said Regiment. Given under my hand at Camp in the State of New Jersey the 6 day of December 1779

S/ James Wood, Colonel Commandant
1st Virginia Brigade

The time for which the above named Jonathan Potts enlisted & served was 3 years.

Certified by me Isaiah Marks Captain 7th Virginia Regiment

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