

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Powers S41963

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State of North Carolina, Halifax County

Moses Powers came before me J. J. Daniel one of the Judges of the State aforesaid and being sworn deposeseth & states that he was a Soldier in the Continental line of Infantry during the revolutionary War, he entered the Service in March 1781 and continued his time out Viz., twelve months, and was discharged in April 1782 at Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina by Captain Prevard [sic, Alexander Brevard]. The said Moses States that he was under a Captain Smith [Robert Smith] when he entered the Service & after the surrender of Augusta in Georgia he was placed under Captain Alexander Brevard – he belonged to the 2nd Battalion commanded by Major Pink Eaton [Pinkethman Eaton]-- Eaton was killed at Augusta¹ & Colonel Ashe [Major John Baptiste Ashe?] took command. The Said Moses States that he was in four battles, Santee, two at Augusta, & John's Island [January 12-15, 1782].² The Said Moses States that he is 65 or 66 years old he has no property of any kind, is now blind & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support – he says his Discharge was sent to the Commissioners of Army Accounts & it has never been returned. He prays the benefit of the act of Congress for the relief of Soldiers in the revolutionary War.

Sworn to before me this 17th August 1819.

S/ Moses Powers, X his mark

S/ J. J. Daniel, J.L.L.E.

William Powers came before me & made oath that Moses Powers is his brother & he knows that he was a Soldier in the Continental line of Infantry during the Revolutionary War & served 12 months, he further states he is very poor & blind & stands in need of the assistance of the Country for Support.

Sworn to before me the 17th of August 1819.

S/ William Powers



S/ J. J. Daniel, J. L. L. E.

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 4th October 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears

¹ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781]

<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_raid_on_johns_island.html

from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State for the Revolutionary war, that Moses Powers a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment³ was mustered on the ___ [blank in original] day of ___ [blank in original] and left the service on the 12th of April 1782.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

Schedule

District of North Carolina, Halifax County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions August Term 1820

On this 24th day of August 1820, personally appeared in open Court (as being a court of record for the Said District, Circuit, County or Corporation, as the Case may be), Moses Powers aged 66 years, residence in Halifax County in Said District (Circuit, County or Corporation) who being first duly Sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he Served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he was attached as a private to the Infantry of the North Carolina line 2nd Battalion that he has received no pension but that by a certificate of the War Office dated the 18th of October 1890, he is entitled to a pension of Eight dollars per month commencing the 17th of August 1819.

And I do solemnly Swear (or affirm, as the case may be) 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 Sir 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, that he is worth nothing but his wearing apparel, that he has no occupation because he is the blind and no ability to pursue any and that he is in Such indigent Circumstances as to be unable to Support himself without the assistance of his Country, or private charity.

S/ Moses Powers, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 24th day of August 1820 before. S/ Richard Epps, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 17th, 1819, for services as a private in the North Carolina Continental line for 12 months.]

³ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th 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 1st NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_p.html : search for "Powers, Moses."