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Pension Application of John Peyton Powell S46407

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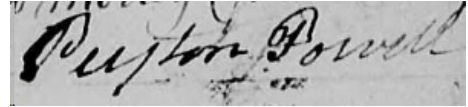
State of Alabama } [5 July 1828]

Madison County } For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution, approved the 15th of May 1828

I Peyton Powell, (formerly of Virginia) now a resident Citizen of Madison County in the State of Alabama do hereby declare that I was an officer in the continental line of the Army of the Revolution & served as such to the end of the War at which period I was a captain in the first Regiment of the Virginia Continental line.

And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate (commonly called a commutative certificate) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay – which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780 –

And I do further declare that I have received of the united States as a pensioner since the third day of March 1826 No money (not having been on the pension list)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peyton Powell". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

Huntsville Alabama. 10 July 1828.

Capt. Powell of this neighborhood has handed me his authenticated declaration for the purpose of availing the relief of the act of last Congress for the surviving officers & soldiers of the Revolution; he has also given me a concise statement of the times places & events of his service, which is here stated for the purpose of aiding a reference to any documents on file, or of record in Washington city in confirmation of the declaration. He states that he entered the continental service A Cadet in his 14th year, in Capt. [William] Johnson's company in the 11th Virginia Reg't. in March 1777. in about 4 or 5 months Col. [Daniel] Morgan procured for him an Ensign's commission. That he continued in the Northern States with the army until the winter 1779 & 1780 when the first and eleventh Regiments were consolidated into the first. he was then appointed Lieutenant & marched to Charleston South Carolina & was there taken prisoner 12 May 1780 & paroled, on Haddles point [sic: Haddrell Point] & exchanged in 1781 & went round to Old Jamestown in Virginia from thence was marched to New Castle [now Old Church] where he met with Gen'l La Fayette [Lafayette] collecting troop to take Cornwallis & went with him to Little York after Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] part of the Virginia Troops were marched to Cumberland Courthouse There says the Captain "our ranks wee settled & I was entitled to the commission of a captain & accordingly so appointed. I was then ordered to march my company to Georgia but before we were ready to march the order was countermanded I was then ordered by Genl. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] on the recruiting service at which I continued until I got orders to desist & to discharge such recruits as I had not marched to the station, & to meet him & all the officers of the Virginia line on a day appointed at Fredericksburg to settle our demands on the country." He states further that all the officers with whom he served are either dead or live at too great a distance for him to travel Genl LaFayette & Chief Justice Marhall [sic: John Marshall, pension application S5731] are two now living, with whom he served, & with whom he is well acquainted. From Judge Marshall he can if necessary procure evidence to establish or corroborate his declaration. he has lost all his commissions & other evidence except the parole & certificate of exchange which agreeably to your request are inclosed. I can state that I have known Captain Powell since 1806 having resided near him in powhatan county virginia & in this country. He married a relative of Mrs. Jefferson & of the late John W. Eppes & is a brother of Levin Powell formerly a member of Congress from one of the northern districts of Virginia.

the facts stated in his declaration I have always heard since I first knew him; his character for integrity & propriety of deportment has been & is of the very first order; his circumstances have been reduced chiefly from parental affection & the present act of Congress affords a very seasonable relief & will with what he has, make him & his family comfortable during life. He requests that he may be informed without delay, if any difficulty should occur in your department likely to obstruct the success of his application in order that he may promptly apply the remedy. the amount due him may be remitted to him at Huntsville in Bank check or a draft on any fund the government may have in this quarter.

Honbl Richard Rush/ Secretary of the Treasury
Washington city.

I am with great respect
Lemuel Mead

☞ As my name is perhaps unknown to you it may be proper to refer you to our senators & Representatives or to such citizens of this state as may be in your city & known to you. L. M.
P.S. Capt Powell generally from his youth up has been called & known by the name Peyton Powell & has in that name always transacted business but I have understood his name given by his parents was John Peyton Powell so that it is possible his evidence of record may be in the name of John P Powell

L. Mead

NOTE: On 2 Oct 1844 Ann H. Powell assigned power of attorney to obtain the final pension payment of her late husband, Peyton Powell, stating that he had lived in Madison County AL for 30 years before he died.