

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Potts S47664

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Revolutionary Claims: Treasury Department to December 1828

Jesse Potts of ___ in the County of Gadsden in the Territory of Florida has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved the 18th of May 1828. He states that he was an officer of the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period he was Adjutant Quarter Master General with the rank of Captain in the Army North Carolina line; and that he has not received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing.

The 3rd Auditor is requested to report how far these several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickens

Treasury Department: Third Auditor's Office 4th of December 1828

~~It appears by the records in this office, that final settlement certificates have been issued for the commutation of 5 years full pay to ___ in the ___ line, amounting to ___ dollars.~~

It further appears that Jesse Potts is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been since the 3rd March 1826.

The Revolutionary records in this Office furnish no evidence whatever in relation to the service of the above named Jesse Potts

S/ Peter Hagner, Auditor

War Department Bounty Land Office

The records of this office do not show that Jesse Potts as an officer of the revolutionary Army ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

11 December 1828

Fayetteville 7th September 1820

Mr. Hill

Dear Sir.

I take the liberty to address you, asking your assistance in a manner which much concerns my interest Viz. I was in the Army almost during the revolutionary War with a

Commission from the Quarter Master General acting 3 years and 3 months in this State (North Carolina) Old Colonel Nicholas Long promised to procure my land which I was entitled to receive all my services, but did not. My Commission was equal with a Captain in the North Carolina line, and my pay was \$40 per month which I received. I continued in service until peace was declared by the British, therefore you know the quantity of land which I was entitled to full my services &c.

I am confined by the gout, otherwise would see you personally. --
N. B. I have now my discharge, which expresses fully that I did not duty faithfully, and made proper returns with vouchers during the time of my acting in the Department, being compared found a just account was given. This is the substance of my discharge. --

Sir, I shall always the knowledge the favor if you will advise me, how to proceed to get my land, as I understand the time is drawing near when a return will be made of the Warrants &c I expect Mr. Haywood recollects my being in Service, as he was often at Colonel Long's at that time. Any expense or trouble that may accrue, will be paid by sending notice to

Your respectful Obedient Servant
S/ Jesse Potts

I Jesse Potts, and an inhabitant of the County of Gadsden, in the Territory of Florida, do hereby declare that I acted as Assistant Quarter Master General, under the immediate control of Colonel Nicholas Long, Quarter Master General, acting as such under General Gates, commanding the southern Army. I do hereby further declare that I acted in that capacity until 6 months after the termination of the Revolutionary War, and as such held the rank of Captain in the line, and have been recognized as such, under the law of the State of North Carolina. -- The certificate, commonly called a commutation certificate, Colonel Long promised and pledged himself to procure for me, but to my knowledge never did, as I never received it. About this time I was ordered to march and to furnish with necessary stores &c the Army commanded by Colonel Porterfield, on his march against Lord Cornwallis and South Carolina. -- I never received a commission as Captain, although it was promised me. And further, I do declare that I have never received any money as a pensioner of the United States, nor have I made application for any. Witness my hand, this 15th of October 1828.

S/ Jesse Potts

Halifax July 11th 1782. Received of Jesse Potts A. Q. M. proper returns with all the vouchers since his acting as an assistant to me in the Quarter Masters Department, being compared find a just account was given agreeable to his reception of public stores.

N. B. He was 3 years in the Army under my direct since. --

S/ Nicholas Long, D. Q. M.

North Carolina

To William Hill Esquire Secretary of the State of aforesaid:

Sir,

On the application of Jesse Potts of Fayetteville, formerly of the Revolutionary Army, and an officer therein, who was severely wounded &c in the course of the War, We have considered his claim, and acting under the powers and authorities with which we are close by the Act of 1819, Hereby advise and direct that you issued to him the said Jesse Potts, a warrant for 3840 acres of land.

Raleigh 8th September 1820

S/ John Haywood
S/ J. Goodwin

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State of Florida County of Gadsden

Before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared David L. White and Daniel L. Kenan, Citizens of the County and State aforesaid and to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, declare that Jesse Potts who was said and believed to have been an officer of the Revolution, died at his Residence in Rocky Hill in the County of Gadsden in this State on or about the 20th May A.D. 1837 leaving Nancy Potts his Widow -- and that said Nancy Potts, is now Nancy Keenan, having married Daniel L. Kenan on the 6th day of May A.D. 1840, and that said Daniel Keenan died on the _3th day of October A.D. 1840, leaving Nancy Keenan his widow.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th of February 1851

S/ James Whaley, JP

S/ David L. White

S/ Daniel Lafayette Kenan

[fn p. 31: On February 13, 1851 in Gadsden County Florida, Nancy Keenan, widow of Daniel L. Kenan and late Nancy Potts widow of Jesse Potts filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Jesse Potts a pensioner at the rate of \$480 per annum for his services in the revolution; that he died May 20, 1837.]

"Jesse Potts was born in the State of Virginia Prince George's County October 4th 1754, who was the son of Francis Potts -- at the age of 21 years said Jesse Potts was a volunteer in the service of his Country against the British, and served with a Commission as Quarter Master during the war."

"Jesse Potts married to Nancy Sterling at Fayetteville September 4th day 1803."

"Captain Jesse Potts, died Me the 20th 1837 at 2:30 in the morning, he died in Gadsden County on the Hill."

[The above quoted entries were certified as having been taken from the family Bible of Jesse Potts and to have been in the hand writing of his son Thomas is Potts]

[facts in file: Jesse Potts married Nancy Sterling September 4, 1803 in Fayetteville North Carolina by William Lord, JP; the veteran and his wife had the following children: Jesse F. Potts, Martha W. Beach, Emily F. Roberts, Thomas S. Potts and Margaret Ann Austin; the widow died July the 9, 1851; Margaret Ann Austin, daughter of the soldier was dead in 1853 and was survived by Margaret Ann Austin who is referred to as her minor heir.]