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Pension application of Charles Porter S7327

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State of North Carolina and some County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions April Term 1827

On this 9th Day of April 1827 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for said County, (which Court is a court of record by the law of this State which created it, which proceeds according to the Course of the common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount which keeps a record of its proceedings and which also possesses the power of fine and Imprisonment), Charles Porter, resident of said County aged between eighty and eighty-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Charles Porter enlisted and was received into the Continental line, that he was to serve twelve months that the time of his enlistment was in August or September 1780, and the place of his enlistment was Tarboro in the County of Edgecombe and in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain James Verar [sic, James Verner] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Nicholas Long in the line of the State of North Carolina, that he continued to serve in the Regiment until May 1781, when he was taken a prisoner by a detachment of the British Troops under Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton], that he remained a prisoner 10 or 15 days and was then paroled by the said British troops, and continued under parole until the close of the war that he was not in any battle, that as the time of his capture he was engaged in taking the public ordinance from the Magazine in Halifax, over the Roanoke River, That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of North Carolina, and that the following all the reasons, which actuated him in not making an Earlier application for a pension (viz.) his Circumstances have hither for been Easy or at least so much so as to enable him to support himself and family, but that now adverse fortune has frowned on him in his old age, when he is no longer able to provide any, the least support but that he is now a supplicant from necessity and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. That since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, That in 1820 he had a tract of land of 200 acres in Anson County, which was sold by

the Sheriff of said County to pay an execution in favor of J. D. Cash ~~the taxes due thereon~~, that he has not now nor had any property except what is contained in the annexed schedule

Sworn to and declared on the 9th day of April 1827 in open Court

S/ Charles Porter

Schedule of property of Charles Porter

1 Bay Mare worth	\$40
2 beds & furniture worth	30
1 cow & calf	12
2 Small Cattle one year old	6
8 Head of Sheep	8
2 pots one Dish & ½ dozen pewter plates	
3 chairs worth	<u>5</u>
	\$101

the said Charles Porter further swears that his family consists of his wife & 6 children viz. Charles aged 20, William aged 18, Alexander 12 years, Stephen 11 years old, Judith 9 years, Miar [or Miat] about 2 years of age, and that they are incapable to support him & family, that he is a Bricklayer by trade, and from his advanced age is unable to pursue it.

S/ Charles Porter

Sworn to in Open court nights April 1827

S/ W. Dismukes, Clk

State of North Carolina Anson County: October Session 1832

On this 9th Day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court Before the Worshipful Justices of said Court of the County of Anson now sitting Charles Porter a Resident of the said County of Anson and State of North Carolina aged eighty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He states that he was drafted as one of the State Troops for the State of North Carolina that every 10th man in said Company, or one out of 10 had to go, and that he was drafted to go and that he entered the service under Captain James Virair [sic, James Verner] about the first day of November in the year 1780 and that he marched under said Captain Varair to Halifax town in Halifax County that he lived in Edgecombe County North Carolina when he was drafted, and that when he arrived at Halifax he continued under said Vairair & under the command of Colonel Long some short time when he being a Brick Mason was taken by said Colonel Long & put to work for the use of the public, to Building public forges &c which Colonel Long said he had a right to put such tradesmen to, & he continued at said work under the direction of Colonel Long and others for public use which he never received pay for until sometime in Me when the British Army came on and when the British came near town said Porter was ordered by Colonel Long to go with a Horse cart and get provisions out of town across the River he states that he had taken 2 loads of bacon across the River & had got to the River with the 3rd load when he was taken a prisoner by the British dragoons and was carried back to Halifax and put in jail where he continued until near the time that the British left which he thinks was about 10 or 12 days when his wife and Brother came & petitioned to the British commander to discharge him on parole which the British commander did on parole & on condition he should not join his Company again, he states that some short time after the enemy was gone from Halifax he went to some commanding officer to

know whether or not he was at liberty to join the Army again, and he was told he had better not for its he did & the British or Tories took him again they would hang him, and that he continued at home and held himself in readiness to join the Army if called on, but was never required neither by Colonel Long or Captain Verair to join the Army again during the war or until Wallis [sic Cornwallis] was taken, before which time his Term of Service had expired or was nearly out and he further states that his CaptainVirair & Colonel Long were both absent about the Expiration of his time of service so that he never applied for a discharge and he says that he served 6 months & 10 days before taken a prisoner and he Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever and that he knows any no documentary evidence [sic]. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Porter

[John Culpepper, a clergyman, and Edward Winfield gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatory by the Court Question the 1st where and in what year were you born

Answer in Edgecombe County about the date of 1745

Have you any record of your age Answer know I have none

3rd where were you living when called into the service & where have you lived since the revolutionary War & where do you now live. Answer. I lived in Edgecombe when called into service and continued there for 2 or 3 years after the War and then moved to Darlington District South Carolina & continued their till 1790 when I moved up to where I now live & have been here ever since --

4th how were you called into service, were you drafted were you a volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom Answer I was drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who with the Troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the Generals Circumstances of your service

Ans: I do not recollect the names of them for I only marched from Edgecombe to Halifax. I know that I marched under Captain Verair and shortly after I got to Halifax I was put to A brick work and continued till the British came the town &c

6th did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Ans: I never received any discharge from my Captain for I was taken prisoner & discharged by the British on parole -- and did not enter the service again till my time was out.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character as to veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution (Answer) I think my neighbors generally believed that I was a soldier none of them is now living in this part of the country that knew me then can state to my veracity and that they think I served as a soldier.

S/ Charles Porter

State of North Carolina Anson County October the 7th 1832 October Session 1832 This day came into open court Barnaby Porter and after being duly sworn on the holy evangelist he says that when he was about 10 years old that his father Charles Porter was called into the Service of the United States as a soldier and that he remembers his marching to Halifax Town North Carolina he thinks the time he states in his declaration and he remembers being sent by his mother to carry his father close, and he further says the remembers well his father being taken a

prisoner by the British & put in jail & he remembers that his father and mother & uncle went and petitioned to the British commander & got him out of jail and he further states that his father entered this service for one year. Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court this day & year first above written.

S/ Barnabay Porter