

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Povall Carter S8149

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State of Virginia, Prince Edward County to wit.

Be it known that at a court held for said County before the Justices of the peace on the 17th day of September 1832, Povall Carter exhibited in court the following declaration. "State of Virginia and County of Prince Edward Sc: On this fourteenth day of September 1832, personally appeared before me Robert Kelso a justice of the peace for the County of Prince Edward, Povall Carter a resident of the said County in the said State of Virginia aged seventy 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated,

the first tour was as a Militia man under the Command of Capt Edward Mumford [sic: Edward Munford] early in December in the year 1779, so well as now recollected and joined the regiment of light infantry near Petersburg commanded by Colo. Willis and Majr. Duval, from thins marched through the Counties of Dinwiddy [sic: Dinwiddie], Ile of Wight [sic: Isle of Wight], Prince George, Southampton, Surry and others not recollected; in the time had only one skirmish with the British near Blands ordinary after serving three months were discharged.

Next tour commenced in the spring of 1780 or 1781 under the command of Capt. Richard Crump of the same County of Powhatan, and joined the Regiment commanded by Colo Good [sic: Robert Goode] in Chesterfield county, where he served four weeks & was discharged .

Next tour commenced in July (supposed to be in 1781) or 1782 the Colo's. name not recollected but marched under the command of Capt. Robert Pour [probably Robert Poor] of the said County of Powhatan, and joined the army commanded by Gen. Lafayette at Mauben Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] in the County of Henrico, from thence marched to Richmond thence to the Pipingtree in pursuit of the British, there was discharged after serving four weeks; sometime afterwards was called out under the Command of Colo Moseby [sic: Mosby] to guard Hessian prisoners at Cumberland old Court house, where I served five weeks and was discharged. All discharges have been lost or mislaid and he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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 any agency of any state.

Questions by the Magistrate Viz

Q. Where and in what year were you born? Answer. I was born in the year 1762 in that part of Cumberland Cty afterwards taken off & called Powhatan.

Q. Have you any record of your age. A. No.

Q. Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live? A. When called into service and for several years afterwards I lived in Powhatan and moved to Amelia Cty, where I lived one year, since that time I have lived in Powhatan and Prince Edward my present residence.

Q. How were you called into service. Answer. I was drafted as a Militiaman.

Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served, and such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect? A. The regements I served in the two first Tours did not join any regular Troops and excepting General LaFayette, I do not now recollect the names of any officers that I served with the third tour, neither do I recollect the regiments.

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution? Answer. I can state several but suppose Robert Hill and James Morgan will be sufficient.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Povall hisXmark Carter