

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lloyd Portwood¹ W1929

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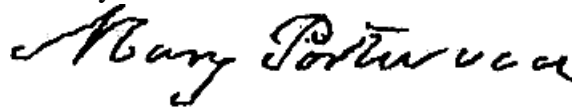
Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 29th July 18 48 – State of Virginia: Appomattox County to wit: On this 8th day of February 1849, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Portwood, a resident of the County and State, aged 73 years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 29th of July, 1848, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary Army."

That she is the widow of Loyd Portwood, deceased, late of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia, who was a private in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution. That her husband the said Loyd Portwood in his lifetime often told her, that sometime in the year 1776, he enlisted in the County of Charlotte under Captain John Brent, to serve for the period of three years in the Regular Services, and that he was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. That he was engaged in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and Germantown [October 4, 1777], whilst in this service, and served in the Militia, at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1777]. That he served at least two years during the war, for which she claims a pension. She refers to the Army Register of the Virginia Continental line, and the accompanying certificates of credible persons who served with him, in confirmation of her statement –

She further declares that she was married to the said Loyd Portwood on the 8th day of January 1799: that her husband the aforesaid Lloyd Portwood died in the County of Charlotte on the 9th day of December 1830, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 2nd of January 1800, to wit: at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

S/ Mary Portwood



George W

[George W Portwood and Giles B Portwood gave testimony in Appomattox County Virginia that Lloyd Portwood died in Charlotte County Virginia December 9, 1830. They refer to themselves as "being members of the Family."

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George W. Portwood.
Giles B. Portwood.

[f p. 7: "Married 8th January 1799 Loyd Portwood to Polly Sullivant by Rev'd John Ligon." This entry is certified by Winslow Robinson clerk of the Charlotte County Virginia court as being a true copy of records in his office.]

[f p. 13 On June 21, 1858 in Appomattox County Virginia, Giles B Portwood, 67, filed for the bounty land entitlement due him as the son of Lloyd Portwood or Polly Portwood, the affiant's mother.]

[f p. 42: copy of an affidavit given March 11th 1833 in Charlotte County Virginia by William Vaughan,² 84, a pensioner of the United States, who gave testimony that he served during the revolutionary war with Loyd Portwood in the company commanded by John Grant in the Continental Army; that the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Lawson who was under General Stevens; that they marched from Charlotte County in March 1776 to Portsmouth in Virginia where they remained until late in the fall of that year and then were ordered to the North; that Portwood was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown.]

[f p. 43: Copy of an affidavit given On May 17, 1834, by John Foster,³79, of Charlotte County Virginia that he is a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war; that he enlisted under Captain John Morton of Prince Edward County first marched to Portsmouth in Virginia and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson under General Stevens; that he has a distinct recollection of Loyd Portwood of Charlotte County being in the Continental Army under Captain John Brent.]

[f p. 45: George I. Roberts of Caroline County Virginia gave testimony on June 13, 1834 that he was well acquainted with Loyd Portwood and his family; that Lloyd Portwood and Mary Portwood his widow had eight children, to wit: Robert, George W, Amey, Thomas, Rebecca, John, Giles and William I. Portwood, all of whom are still living; that Giles and William I. our infants under the age of 21 and have no guardians.]

[f p. 48: On July 12, 1836 in Charlotte County Virginia, James Mullings⁴ also gave a supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 49: On July 4th, 1836 in Charlotte County, Virginia, William P. Hamlett⁵ also gave a supporting affidavit.]

² [William Vaughan S14754](#)

³ FPA S1515

⁴ FPA S10251

⁵ FPA S13305

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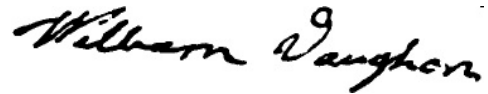
Addendum to Lloyd Portwood W1929

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 15 Jan 2021.

The Affidavit of William Vaughan of Charlotte Count and State of Virginia, to be used as evidence in establishing a Military claim of land bounty in behalf of the heirs of Loyd Portwood Decd late of the county of Charlotte.

This affiant being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, That he is now in the 85th year of his hage, and was a soldier under Captain John Brent [VAS2630] in the continental army, during the Revolutionary war. He is now drawing a Pension, and has been drawing his pay regularly, for several years. That he was well acquainted with Loyd Portwood, now Deceased, late of the county of Charlotte, and distinctly recollects, that the said Loyd Portwood and himself were fellow soldiers under Captain John Brent in the Virginia line on continental establishment, and were attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col Lawson [Robert Lawson VAS850], under General Stevens [Edward Stevens VAS1922]. They marched from the county of Charlotte in the month of March 1776, to Portsmouth in Virginia, where they remained untill Late in the fall of that year, and then were ordered to the north. He has every reason to believe that the said Portwood was engaged in the battles at Brandywine and Germantown. The said Portwood was a brave soldier, and continued in the service to the end of the period for which he enlisted. And farther he saith not.

[11 March 1833]



I John Foster of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I am at present in the 80th year of my age, and was a soldier in the Virginia line on continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war. I enlisted under Capt John Morton [VAS765] of Prince Edward, and first marched to Portsmouth in Virginia, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col Lawson under General Stevens. I have a distinct recollection of seeing Loyd Portwood of Charlotte in the continental army. He enlisted under Capt John Brent, marched to Portsmouth in Virginia, and was attached to the same Regiment that I was, and then ordered to the north. The statement made by Mr. Vaughan in his affidavit I know to be substantially true and correct. I was acquainted with Mr. Portwood before he enlisted, and had frequent opportunities of seeing him while in the army. I am under the impression and have no doubt he was in the service about three years, and have no doubt he received a regular discharge. Mr. Portwood died several years since.

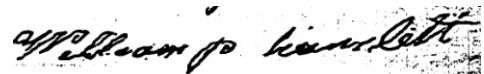
[17 May 1834]



Virginia. Charlotte Count to wit:

I do hereby Certify that Loyd Portwood of Charlotte enlisted as a soldier under Captain John Brent in the month of January or February 1776, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment. He [illegible] in the Continental service longer that three years successively as coming within my own personal knowledge; he was engaged in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and other battles of less consequence during the Revolutionary war. I farther certify that he was an obedient, orderly and brave soldier during the period of his service in the army, and was honorably discharged. given under my hand this 4th day of July, 1836.

William P Hamlett



Virginia – Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Loyd Portwood Decd, in the Revolutionary war. He enlisted as a soldier under Captain John Brent in the early part of the year, 1776; marched first to Portsmouth in Virginia, and thence to the northern army. He was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment, commanded by Col Lawson and General Stevens. I do hereby certify that he was in the continental service as long as three years successively, as coming within my own personal knowledge, and that he served his country faithfully, and was regularly discharged. I was a soldier in the army at the time, and had frequent opportunities of seeing the said Portwood, whilst in the service. I am now in the 85th year of my age.

[12 July 1836]

James Mullings



To his Excellency the Governor of the commonwealth of Virginia: [5 Sep 1836]

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of Loyd Portwood Decd, formerly a soldier of the state line of Virginia on Continental establishment during the War of the Revolution.

Your Memorialist respectfully represents, that they have no personal knowledge of the services of their late Father, the said Loyd Portwood, in the Revolutionary war. They rely upon the evidence of those who served with him, at various periods of the war, for the history of his services.

He enlisted as a soldier under Capt John Brent, in the County of Charlotte, in the early part of the year 1776, about the 1st of March, 1776, the company were ordered to Portsmouth in Virginia, where they were stationed untill late in the fall of 1776; they were ordered to Head Quarters of the Northern Army under General Washington, and were attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Robert Lawson and General Stevens. The said Loyd Portwood was engaged in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and other battles of consequence, during his service in the continental army, and was distinguished for good conduct and valor. He continued in the Continental Army longer than three years successively, and was honorably discharged. All of which will more fully appear by reference to the accompanying certificates of soldiers who served with him at the time, whose character for truth and veracity cannot be questioned.

Your Memorialist farther represent, that his name appears on the army Register, as will be seen by reference to the published Report of John H. Smith esqr, late Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims.

Your Memorialist pray that your Excellency will grant them a Warrant for the quantity of land to which the said Loyd Portwood was entitled for services rendered in the Revolutionary war, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made & provided. And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c.

Robert Portwood	Geo W. Portwood	A. Portwood	Thos. Portwood
Rebecca Portwood	John Portwood	Giles Portwood	Wm Portwood