

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Porter W24909

Sally

f100VA

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County To wit

Be it remembered that in the record of proceedings of the Caldwell County Court among others are the following to wit. At a County Court begun and held for said County on Monday the 24th day of April 1820 came William Porter in open Court and made oath to the truth of the statements contained in the following affidavit which is ordered to be recorded and reads as follows. "Personally appeared William Porter of this neighborhood aged sixty-three years who being duly sworn according to law on his Oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the 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." That he the said William Porter in the month of February 1776 enlisted into Captain Everard Meade's Company in the 2nd Virginia Regiment on the Continental Establishment, then commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood, that he served in said Regiment as a private or non-commissioned officer until May 1777 at which time he was appointed an Ensign in said Company and Regiment and that sometime short time after he was appointed to a 2nd Lieutenantancy in said Company and Regiment in which Station he served until March 1779 at which time his affairs requiring his indispensable attendance at home he resigned his Commission. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and several other Skirmishes. That in the latter part of the year 1779 he joined the Army in the Staff Department as an assistant quarter Master, and was Commissary of Military Stores at South Hampton and other places, That on his resignation he gave up his Commission. That he is in reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence of his Services. And the Court being satisfied that the said William Porter did serve in the Revolutionary War in the Continental Army as a Commissioned officer for more than 9 months at one time as stated in his declaration, and also that the said William Porter stands in need of the assistance of his country for support do order the proceedings in this Case to be recorded and that a transcript thereof the duly transmitted to the War Department pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned act of Congress.

S/ Wm Porter

State of Kentucky Caldwell Circuit Sct. June Term 1820

In the record of proceedings in the Circuit Court aforesaid among all others are the following to wit

"On motion of William Porter and he producing herein open Court his affidavit which being sworn to by him is ordered to be recorded and certified according to law which affidavit here follows to wit "State of Kentucky Caldwell Circuit Court Personally appeared in open Court the Circuit Court for the Caldwell Circuit being a Court of record William Porter aged 64 years

resident in this Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law, doth declare that he served in the Revolutionary war in the 2nd Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment agreeably to his former declaration on which he has received no certificate and he solemnly swore that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring himself within the provisions of the 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 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person for him in trust any property or securities, Contracts or debts due to him other than what is contained in the Schedule annexed and by him subscribed – he declares himself a farmer by occupation and but illy able to labor – that he has a wife a very infirm woman and a son about 15 years old who can contribute little to the support of his father and mother – And the said William Porter further declares that his property consist of one blind horse worth perhaps \$20 one common cow and calf \$12, one two year old heifer & one yearling worth \$8, 2 small sows and 12 pigs \$6, four shoats \$6, four sheep \$6, a broken set of surveyors' instruments \$20, one wooden clock \$6, 2 old ploughs and gears \$8, 2 hoes and a mattock \$2, a log chain and a set of small harrow teeth \$6, an old shotgun \$2 – in all it is the estimation of the court that is not worth more than \$150.

S/ Wm Porter

[f p. 12: On December 4, 1838 in Christian County Kentucky, Sally Porter, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Porter, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him June 20, 1782; that her husband died January 8, 1828; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 13: On December 4, 1838 in Christian County Kentucky, William C Porter gave testimony that the Bible record of William Porter shows the following entries: " Wm Porter married to Sally Johnson the 20th of June 1782"; that he is informed and believes that William and Sally were married in Virginia; that William Porter died January 8, 1828 and that Sally Porter remains his widow.]

[f p. 17: Finding dated June 21, 1856 by the Wayne County Illinois court that satisfactory evidence has been submitted to it that Sally Porter widow of William Porter died August 25, 1843 and left at her death the following named children only: William C Porter, Sally McLin, Elizabeth E. Campbell [she died December 17, 1854] and Horatio P Porter [he died October 5, 1854], the latter 2 of whom have since died leaving William C Porter and Sally McLin the only surviving children of Sally Porter.]

[Facts in file: There is reference in this file to a grandson John J McLin who lived in Princeton Kentucky in 1866 and John W Campbell, son of Elizabeth the Campbell, lived in Hopkinsville, Christian County Kentucky in 1879. The file also contains reference to a Benjamin P Campbell as a legatee of William Porter.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 24, 1824 service as a Lieutenant for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$420 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify, That Lieutenant William Porter has served as an Officer in my Regiment, since I have commanded it and has always supported and discharged his duties in a manner becoming a Gentleman and good Officer, his Affairs at home or in such Situation as demand his immediate presence, and having obtained his Excellency's [George Washington's] leave to resign I am obliged those contrary to my Wish or Inclination to accept of his formal Resignation and he is hereby discharged from any further Service.

S/ Christian Febiger

Colo. [illegible] Regt. and [illegible]

1st Va Brigade

I do certify, That Lt. William Porter has served as an Officer in my Regt, since I have commanded it and has always supported and discharged his duties in a manner becoming a Gentleman and good Officer, his Affairs at home or in such Situation as demand his immediate presence, and having obtained his Excellency's leave to resign I am obliged those contrary to my Wish or Inclination to accept of his formal Resignation and he is hereby discharged from any further Service.

Christian Febiger
Colo. [illegible] Regt. and [illegible]
1st Va Brigade

I do certify that Lieutenant William Porter has been an Officer in the Virginia Line Continental

service for three years successively
Given at Richmond May 28th 1783

S/ Danl. Morgan, B. G. [Daniel Morgan, Brigadier General]

I do certify that *L. William Parke* has
been an Officer in the ^{Virginia line} Continental
service for three years successively
Given at Richmond May 28th 1783
Danl Morgan B.G.