

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Poston W26923

Rebecca Poston

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[p 3 family record]

Peggy was Born the 9th day of February in the year 1782  
Rebekah was born the 31st day May in the year 1783  
Jenny was born the 17th day of October in the year 1785  
Elizabeth was born the 30th day of January in the year 1786  
Salley was born the 15 day of January in the year 1888 [sic]  
Robert Postion [sic] was born the 28th of December in the year 1889 [sic]  
Polley was born the 30th day of August in the year 1890 [sic]  
Jno A. B. Poston was born the 7th day of November in the year 1894 [sic]  
Nancy Poston was born the 9th day of April in the year 1897 [sic]  
Cindy Poston was born the 6th day of March

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in the year 1897  
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in the year 1897

in the year 1801  
John Poston Senior  
departed this life  
August 22nd Day 1819  
William Poston was  
born in the year of our  
Lord August 14th Day  
1809

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this life August 22 Day 1819  
William Poston was Born in the  
year of our Lord  
August 14th Day 1809

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County } SS

On this 4th day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty five Personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions in and for the County aforesaid Rebecca Poston a Resident of North Carolina in the County of Buncombe aged Seventy Nine years, Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows -- That she is the widow of John Poston who was a Private in the Army of the Revolution And who entered the service of the United States as a Drafted Soldier sometime in the year 1779 or 80 in the County of Roan [sic, Rowan], North Carolina and served out one three months tour: soon after which he again volunteered or was drafted & entered the service of the United States in which he remained as she has often heard him say, until after the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] at which time he was present and saw Cornwallis surrender his sword to (she thinks) General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], the names of the Captains under which he mustered she does not Recollect: She however recollects to have heard him say that he was commanded by Generals McDowell [Charles McDowell] and Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. She further Recollects that he was in the Battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781].<sup>1</sup> She further declares that she was married to the said John Poston on the 25th day of April in the year 1782. That her said Husband the aforesaid John Poston Died on the 22nd day of August 1819, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated.

She further states that she has no Record proof of her said marriage, but that she has a Record of the ages of her children and of the Death of her Husband the aforesaid John Poston. That she was married to him the said John Poston at the time aforesaid in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina. That she never has since been Death of her said husband again married. But that she still remains the widow of the said John Poston -- the Record of the ages of her children & of the death of her said Husband are here with remitted.

S/ Rebecca Poston, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court on the day and date above written.

S/ N. Harrison, Clerk of the Buncombe County Court

[p 11: On December 30, 1851 in Buncombe County North Carolina, Charles McFee, the administrator of the estate of Rebecca Poston filed a claim for pension due her as the widow of

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html)

John Poston; in this application the affiant states that John Poston served in a company commanded by Captain John Work; that John Poston married Rebecca Balldridge in Iredell County, date unknown but prior to January 1 1794; that John Poston died August 22nd, 1819 survived by Rebecca Poston, his widow and the following children now living: Mary Davis, Jane Bryson, Rebeco [Rebecca] Bryson, Nancy Nicholas, Lusindia [Lucinda] Stines, Ruthy Smith & Robert Poston.]

[p 15: Bond taken out by John Poston, Jr. and John Poston, Sr., of Rowan County North Carolina dated April 24, 1782 to secure the marriage of John Poston to Rebecca Balldridge of Lincoln County.]

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State of North Carolina

Comptroller's Office

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1851

I, William J Clark Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in said office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

John Poston,

Book No. 2, old series, page 26 private Captain John Work's Company, January 1776 for 32 days service in expedition to Moore's Creek £3 S4.

Book A 11, page 33 £9 S4 specie.

Book G, No. 18, page 6 £11. S7. D6 specie.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal of office the day & year above written

S/ Wm J Clark, Comptroller

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836]