

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Powell ¹ W4055

Susannah Powell f69NC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina where County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Session October Term 1832

On this 25th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting Lewis Powell a resident of Burke County in the State of North Carolina seventy-three 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under Captain Julius Allford [Julius Allford] in the County of Bute (now the Counties of Franklin & Warren) in the State of North Carolina about the year 1780 Served under him for some time then joined the regular Army under Captain Yarbour [Edward Yarborough], Colonels Washington [William Washington] & Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], General Greene [Nathanael Greene] commanding General was in the battles at Guilford [March 15, 1781] & the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in the year 1781 -- served under Captain Donnahough [Major Thomas Donoho] & Captain William Little [William Lytle] in the first Regiment of the North Carolina Troops, was at the taking of a Fort between the Wateree & Congaree rivers in South Carolina & served others -- marched through there to Augusta Georgia besieged a Fort there for two weeks [May 22-June 6, 1781] and succeeded in taking it -- marched from there to Ninety Six -- where in storming a Fort [Siege of Ninety Six, May 22-June 19] was wounded in the shoulder, from thence marched as one of the guard of a band of British and Tory prisoners to Salisbury North Carolina from thence to various places, until I arrived at the Fort between the Wateree & Congaree which we had previously taken and there I was discharged by Captain William Lytle countersigned by Colonel Williams -- my services in all were about fifteen months -- from the time that I entered the militia under Captain Alford until I was discharged by Colonel Williams --

He states that he knows of no person by whom he can prove that he was a Soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares my name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Where and in what year were you born --

I was born in Bute County North Carolina in the year 1759 or thereabouts, now the Counties of Franklin & Warren.

Have you any record of your age.

I have not

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Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolution and where do you now live. --

I lived in the County of Bute at the time I was drafted and moved to the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina about 30 years ago & have lived here ever since --

How were you called into the Service

I was drafted --

State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect

Answer. At the battle of Guilford General Green commanded, Colonel Washington & Colonel Lee were officers in the engagement -- my company was commanded by Captain Yarborough --

At the battle of Eutaw Springs Colonel Washington was taken prisoner --

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer. I received a discharge from Captain Lytle & Colonel Williams which I have lost

State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a revolutionary soldier. I am known to Freeland Hindon & Abdial H. Erwin but know of no person who can prove my Services as a Revolutionary Soldier

Sworn to and subscribed this the day and year above written 27 October 1832

Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clk

S/ Lewis Powell, X his mark

[Thomas Carlton, a clergyman, and Abdial H. Erwin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Burke County: This day personally appeared before me Thomas Walton a Justice of the Peace of said County Lewis Powell who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear precisely as to the length of time that he served but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. In the year 1780, served a 3 months Tour as a common Soldier. In the year 1781 Served Twelve months Tours as a common Soldier making in all his service fifteen months without receiving one cent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th of April 1833

Test S/ Thos Walton, JP

S/ Lewis Powell, X his mark

[p 15: On January 15, 1844 in Burke County North Carolina Susannah Powell, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Lewis Powell, late a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$50 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Franklin County North Carolina March 9, 1784; that her husband died March 12th, 1842 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 19: On March 22, 1855, in Burke County, NC, Susannah, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 22: Certificate dated October 7, 1845 given by the clerk of court of Franklin County North Carolina in which he states that in response to a request for it he located a marriage bond in his files which showed Lewis Powell marriage to Susanna Hill in Franklin County in the year 1782 or 83; that he sent a certificate of that fact to a Mr. Sylvester Bettis at Salisbury North Carolina;

that Mr. Bettis again applied for another certificate regarding that bond and the bond cannot now be found among the papers in the clerks office.]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Lewis Powell a private Soldier in Captain Lytle's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 25th day of November 1780 for the term of twelve months, and that he appears omitted in 1781. In also appears that he was allowed on settlement of his account 35 pounds 2 shillings at Halifax in the year 1784.

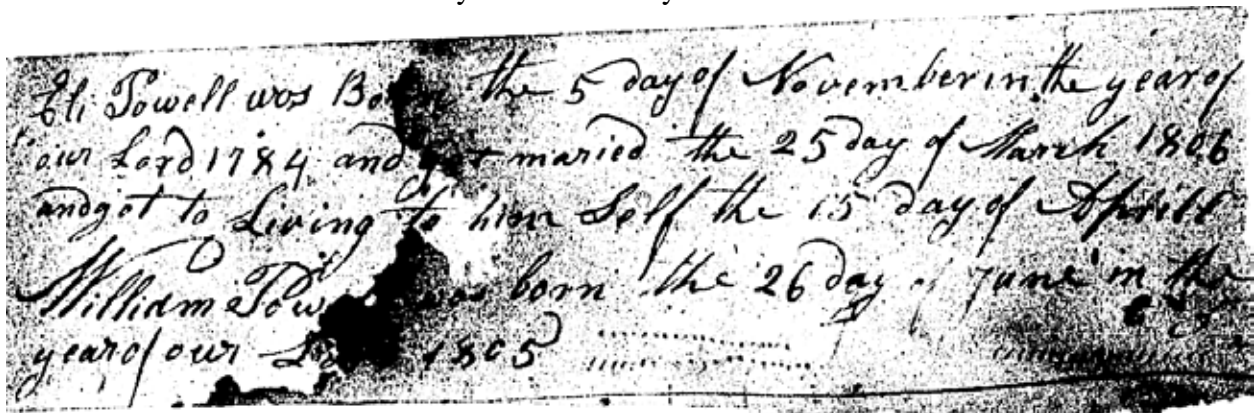
Given under my hand this 26th day of October 1844

S/ Wm Hill, Secry of State

[p 3: family record]

Eli Powell was Born the 5 day of November the year of our Lord 1784 and got married the 25 day of March 1806 and got to Living to himself the 15 day of April

William Powell was born the 26 day of June in the year of our Lord 1805





A scan of a handwritten document on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. The document is slightly faded and has some dark spots, possibly from ink or age. The text reads: "Eli Powell was Born the 5 day of November in the year of our Lord 1784 and got married the 25 day of March 1806 and got to Living to himself the 15 day of April William Powell was born the 26 day of June in the year of our Lord 1805".

[p 61: On May 22, 1845 in Burke County North Carolina, Eli Powell, 60, filed an affidavit stating he is the oldest child of Lewis and Susannah Powell; that he was born November 5, 1784 and has a record of his age written by himself 40 years ago of which the attached is a true copy [see the family record quoted above.]

[p 61: On May 22, 1845 in Burke County North Carolina, Eli Powell, aged 60, gave testimony that he is the son and oldest child of Lewis Powell and wife Susannah Powell; that affiant was born November 5th, 1784; that affiant has a record of his age written by himself 40 years ago and verily believes that the entry is correct and it reads as follows: "Eli Powell was born the 5 day of November in the year of our Lord 1784 and got married the 25 day of March 1806, and got to Living to himself the 13th day of April -"

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eli Powell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Facts in file: widow's name prior to her marriage to the veteran was Susannah Hill; they were married in Franklin County, NC; p 24: On June 15, 1855, Elizabeth Mitchell, Lewis, John and Jacob Powell filed a power of attorney in which they state that they are the only surviving children of the veteran and his widow, their mother having died on the 15th day of June 1855.

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Elizabeth ^{her} Mitchell 
John Powell 
Lewis Powell 
Jacob Powell 

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[C. Leon Harris, in researching [Aaron Powell W5566](#) found on page 96 of Aaron Powell's file a certificate from the clerk of Franklin County, NC purporting to be a transcript of the marriage bond between Lewis Powell and Jacob Powell dated March 10, 1784 conditioned upon the marriage of Lewis Powell to Susanna Hall. The bond was witnessed by a John Hill. The clerk's certificate is dated January 2, 1844. Thus there appears to be an unreconciled discrepancy as to the widow's maiden name. In some document she is referred to as Susanna Hill and in this document she is referred to as Susanna Hall.]