

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Potts W4767

Susannah

f76VA

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The Deposition of John Potts of the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio –

**Sheweth** – This deponent entered the service of his country in the Army of the Revolution on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1777 enlisting for the Term of three years in the Company of Captain William Smith of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the Virginia Line – commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan – That he served in that Company, Regiment and Line in the Battles of Brandy-wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brunswick [June 22, 1777] and Somerset Court House [January 20, 1777] – He will was marched after the last to Trenton New Jersey, where on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1780 he was honorably discharged having completed the full Term of his Enlistment. That he kept it (his discharge) about two years, when he was induced to give it to his Colonel for the purpose of obtaining Virginia Military Lands. That the Colonel has since died and it is impossible for this deponent to obtain the discharge. He further deposes and says that from the very reduced and necessitous state of his circumstances in life he is in great need of the assistance of the United States for support, that he never has received any pension or compensation <sup>in [indecipherable word] thereof</sup> for these services from the United States – & he doth hereby renounce all claim to any pension

S/ John Potts, ) his mark

[Acknowledged April 28, 1818 in Jefferson County Ohio.]

State of Ohio Jefferson County: SS

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 before me the subscriber, President Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas of the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit in the State of Ohio personally appeared John Potts aged sixty-seven years resident in said County of Jefferson, who being by me duly sworn, doth on oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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 John Potts, enlisted for the term of three years on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia, as a private in the company of Captain William Smith of the eleventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan, then at Leesburg in said State – That he continued in the service of the United States in the company, Regiment and Line until his term of service having expired, he was honorably discharged from service at Trenton in the State of New Jersey by Captain Kirkpatrick – That he served in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Brunswick and Somerset Court House. That he had a written discharge which he gave his Colonel who never returned it to him, and who is long since dead. That he has no other evidence of his said services than what is hereto annexed – That he is in reduced circumstances, very aged and infirm, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Declared, sworn to and subscribed before me the

day and year first above written by the said John Potts who expressly resigns all claim he may have to any pension from the United States.

S/ John Potts, X his mark

State of Ohio Jefferson County: SS:

Jonathan Potts<sup>1</sup> of Jefferson County Ohio being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that the facts set forth in the above written statement are to his certain knowledge of 4 mentioned immediately after his enlistment and served his whole time out & was discharged according to the above Statement – that he is in reduced circumstances & in need of the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Jonathan Potts, X his mark

[f p. 10: On February 26, 1839 in Carroll County of Ohio, Susannah Potts, 76, widow of John Potts, filed for her pension as his widow under the 1838 act; that she married him in Berkeley County Virginia in the month of March but she does not recollect the day or year but knows it was before January one, 1794; that her husband died October 20, 1820 at his residence in Columbiana County Ohio. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 65: copy of a marriage bond dated March 12, 1782 issued in Berkeley County Virginia to John Potts and John Sheeby, bondsmen, conditioned upon the marriage of John Potts to Susannah Hibbons.]

[f p. 12: On March 22, 1839 in Carroll County Ohio, Nathan Potts gave a deposition that he was intimately acquainted with John Potts late of Columbiana County Ohio; that he verily believes that said John Potts was married in Berkeley County Virginia to Susannah Hibbens<sup>2</sup>; that he, deponent, resided in their family for more than 6 months after the birth of their first child and afterwards for years in a settlement in Weston Pennsylvania; that John Potts told him, the deponent, that he enlisted under Ensign Thomas Thomas under Captain Smith, first Lieutenant Isaiah Marks; that John Potts was later in a company commanded by a Lieutenant Townsend and under Lieutenant David Williams and Lieutenant Isaac Brown late of Hanover Columbiana County aforesaid. The witness signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow was living with her son Thomas in Washington Township Carroll County Ohio when she executed her application dated February 26, 1839; in 1843 she was living in Fox Township Carroll County Ohio with his son not named. She was still living in 1851; the oldest child of the veteran and his wife, a daughter, not named, was born February 1783 and was dead in 1839. This 2<sup>nd</sup> child, Jonathan, was born in the fall of 1785, their youngest children Thomas and David, were born March 20, 1807.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 28, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing July one, 1848.]

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S40288

<sup>2</sup> Also spelled Hibbons in other documents in this file

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

John Potts a Soldier of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment having faithfully served 3 years the term of his enlistment is hereby discharged the Service – Given under my hand at Trenton this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January.

S/ Abra. Kirkpatrick  
Capt. Comm.

A copy Auditors Office Decr. 12 1783  
Chas. Jones Clk.