

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Poage W8502 Elizabeth Poage VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 1 July 2015.

Virginia At a Court held at the Court house for the County of Botetourt on Monday the 12th day of November 1832.

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Botetourt County now sitting William Poge a resident of said County of Botetourt and State of Virginia aged 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 the following named officers and served as herein stated – he states that he entered the service under the command of Lieutenant Andrew Armstrong in the Month of April he is not certain what year but thinks it was in 1777 or 78. he states that the object of the expedition under Armstrong was to guard the frontier against the Indians. he states that he was in no engagement with the Indians in this tour and returned home after harvest of the same year having been gone three months or more at the time he entered the service he lived on Back creek in the County of Botetourt [in Roanoke County since 1838] in the State of Va. He states that he was drafted The service performed on this expedition was on Sinking creek In the summer of the year after the above tour he was drafted again and started under William McClanahan [William McClenahan] to fight against the Tories in N. Carolina but owing to some intelgence received by the Captain they stopped at the lead mines [near Ft Chiswell] now in Wythe County in Virginia for the purpose of guarding them He served three months during this tour and was discharged and returned home he has lost his discharge he was living at the same place when he entered this service as on the previous one – He states that he was again drafted in the month of January or February 17— and marched under Capt'n Wm McClanahan to N. Carolina a short time before they joined the main army the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] was fought they were making great exertions to join the army before the battle but were unable to do so Col. William Washington was the commanding officer to whom he belonged he was discharged after serving three months this tour. he has lost his discharge

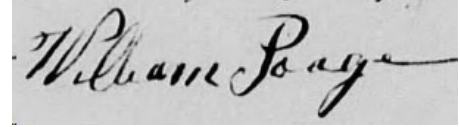
He was drafted again in the year [blank] about the last of August and marched under the command of Captain David May to York and was there untill the Surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] after the surrender he marched with the Prisoners to Winchester he was drafted for 3 months this tour but thinks he was longer in the service. he was again regularly discharged but has lost it He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State he knows of no person who can prove the statements contained in this declaration except Esom Hannan [pension application W7644] and he only into part Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid William Poag

Esom Hannan one of the subscribers to the above Certificate states that he knows of his own knowledge of the Services of Wm Poge who has subscribed the above declaration as far as relates to Lead Mines and the engagement in N. Carolina he recollects to have seen him on both occasions – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Esom Hannan

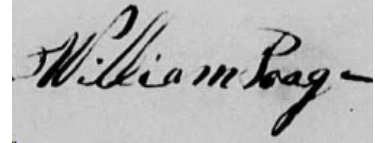
[The first part of the following was not found:]

That he is entitled to a pension of Forty [page torn] per annum on account of wounds and disabilities received, or of services rendered to the United States, during the Revolutionary war – that he served Capt William McClanahan Company of Riflemen in the — Regiment that he now resides in Botetourt County, State of Virginia, and has resided there for the spa[ce] of sixty six years past, and that previous thereto, he resided in Albemarle County Va
Sworn & subscribed this 12 day of July 1833 before me

Lewis Harvey

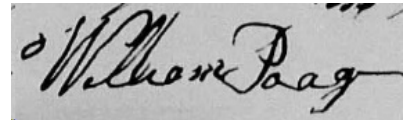


[Followed by a power of attorney to Charles Mitchell, signed as shown:]

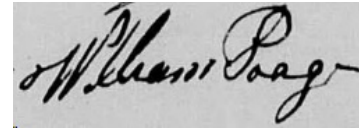


NOTES:

On 21 Sep 1833 William Poage signed an application for a new pension certificate as shown:



On the same day William Poage assigned power of attorney, signed as shown and witnessed by Sym[?] Poage and Robert Poage.



On 28 July 1853 in Roanoke County Elizabeth Poage, 68, applied for a pension stating that she was married to William Poage on 23 Dec 1806 by Rev. Samuel Mitchell, and her husband died 23 Sep 1834. With her application was a copy of a bond signed on 17 Dec 1806 by William Poage and Nathan Franklin for the marriage of Poage to Elizabeth Franklin, daughter of Nathan Franklin.

On 5 Sep 1877 James Poage, son and administrator of Elizabeth Poage, applied for the restoration of his mother's pension that had been suspended during the Civil War, during which she had subsisted "chiefly with the aid of her children, she having but little estate of her own, & being quite infirm during said period." He stated that she had died 11 July 1867 at age 82 at her home on Back Creek in Roanoke County, and "that she has not borne arms against the Government of the United States, or in any manner aided or abetted the rebellion, or those prosecuting the rebellion, or manifested a sympathy with their cause, but, on the contrary, did, during the said rebellion, earnestly desire its suppression by force of arms." The document was witnessed by George Poage. Her daughter, Susannah Poage, made a supporting statement. The claim was rejected with the following explanation: "Claim for restoration rejected, as the widows name has been dropped under section 4719 and no minor child surviving no arrears can be allowed under existing laws."