

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Powell W8524

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[f p. 25]

20th September 1819

To the Secretary of War

Your Petitioner Richard Powell states that he enlisted in the Regular Service on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War in the County of Culpeper Virginia in the fall of the year 1776 under Captain John Spotswood of the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Green [John Green] in the 4th Brigade commanded by General Stephens [Edward Stevens]. He enlisted for the Term of three years during which he faithfully served and at the expiration of which he was honorably discharged in Philadelphia. In the last year of his service he was detached under General Wayne to the North and was in the Battle at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] when under Wayne he was in Captain Shelton's Company.

He has lost his discharge – and knows no one in his neighborhood by whom he can certainly prove the foregoing facts.

He now lives in Garrard County Kentucky and is in such reduced circumstances that he needs the assistance of his Country.

S/ Richard Powell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Powell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes at the end of the name.

[f p. 4]

Schedule

District of Kentucky Sct.

On this 21st of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being the County Court of Garrard in said District Richard Powell aged about 62 years resident in Garrard County in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – He enlisted in 1767 [sic, 1776] with Captain John Spotswood in the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Greene [John Green], for 3 years on Continental establishment and served out his term and obtained an Honorable discharge which he has lost –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

one mare worth \$40 and no more – and 2 cows worth \$20 and no more – making in all \$60, but he owes that much or more to his sons. His Occupation is agriculture – a wife aged sixty-three years living with him – He has five children – but they are all doing for themselves and not under his control.

Sworn to and declared the 21st day of August 1820 in Open Court
S/ Richard Powell

[f p. 11: On September 20, 1838 in Henry County Kentucky, Sarah Powell, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Powell, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum at the time of his death; that she married him April 25, 1788 or 9 according to the ages of her children and her best recollection in Greenville district South Carolina; that her husband died July 29, 1825; that she is positive she was married prior to 1794 because her oldest son is now 49 years of age. She signed her application with her mark]

[f p. 13: On September 20, 1838 in Henry County Kentucky, John Powell gave testimony that he is a son of Richard and Sarah Powell; to the best of his information and belief he was born in 1789 in Greenville South Carolina; that his parents moved to Kentucky about the year 1811.



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[f p. 7: On July 13, 1839 in Henry County Kentucky, Levi Scott, about 76, gave testimony that he is the brother of Sarah Powell, widow of Richard Powell; that he, affiant, formerly lived in North Carolina and removed to Kentucky about the year 1781; that his sister Sarah Powell married in South Carolina about 8 or 9 years after this affiant moved to Kentucky.



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[f p. 9: family register:

John Powell was born the 5th of April 1788

Keziah Powell was born February 28, 1790

Elisha Powell was born 15 of June 1792

Martha Powell was born 23 of April 1794

James Powell was born [illegible] of February 1795

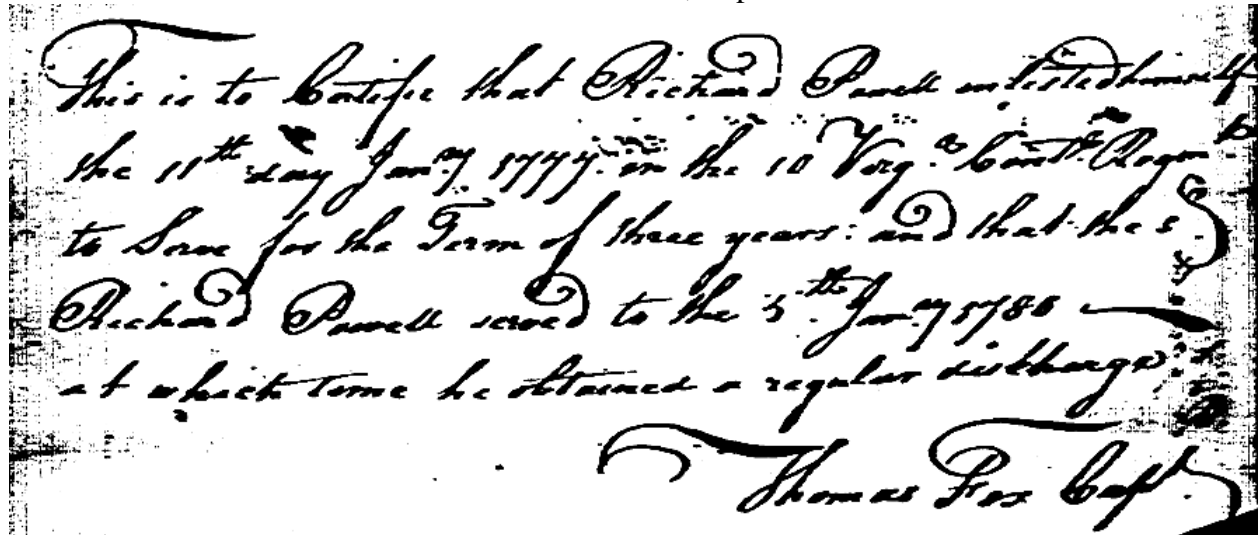
Sally Powell]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 20, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

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

This is to Certify that Richard Powell enlisted himself the 11th day of January 1777 in the 10th Virginia Continental Regiment to serve for the term of 3 years: and that the said Richard Powell served to the 5th January 1780 at which time he obtained a regular discharge

S/ Thomas Fox, Captain



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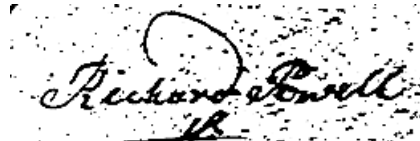
Thomas Fox Capt.

Sir

Please issue and Order by Mr. Ths. Brown to the Land Office for my Warrant for Land Allowed me as a bounty for 3 years service as Soldier in the 10th Virginia Continental Regiment and this shall be your Warrant for so doing.

To Colonel Meriwether War Office

from
Your Humble Servant
S/ Richard Powell



Richard Powell

16th October 1784

Teste:
S/ D. Simpson