

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Henry Porch (Poarch) W9234

Rebecca

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State of Kentucky Whitley County Set

On the 4 day of April 1827 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record made so by Act of Assembly of Kentucky possessed of unlimited jurisdiction and proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law, it being the 15 Judicial District Henry Court a resident Citizen of the County aforesaid (but for the Honorable Joseph Eve presiding Sole Judge for said District) in Open Court aged 67 years in July last, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18 of March 1818 and 1st May 1820 that he the said Porch enlisted for the term of one year in the month of August before the Battle at Gilford [sic, Guilford] Court house in North Carolina by the troops commanded by General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] against the common enemy, that he enlisted in Franklin County at Lewisburg [sic, Louisburg] in the company commanded by Captain John Sharp & who enlisted him, and in 2nd Regiment (as he now believes) of the North [Carolina] line (the name of the Colonel he has forgotten) on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until near the close of his enlistment when he was detached under Captain John Bush to guard the Country from the exertions of the British near the [indecipherable word, possibly "sound"] and under whom he served out his term of enlistment when he was discharged by Captain Bush at a place called the White House 10 miles from Charleston in South Carolina the discharge he has since lost -- that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State, except the roll of the Continental Army. The following are the reasons for not making application sooner for a pension, that until lately he has always been able to maintain himself by labor for about 12 months since a fellow [?] rose in his right hand which so disabled it that it is almost useless to him and has so disabled him that he is unable to support himself by labor.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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, to wit, 50 acres of poor land worth \$50 & no more, one horse worth \$50 & no more, cow & calf worth \$10 & no more, Hogs worth about \$10 & no more amounting in all to \$120. On the 18th

of March 1818 he owned the land and said horse aforesaid one cow and calf about the same value of hogs all amounting to about the sum of \$120. He does not recollect that he owed anything war that he had anything owing to him -- and that no changes have since that time taken place in his cattle or Hal's except for family use -- he at present owes nothing & nothing is owing to him:

S/ Henry Porch, X [his mark]

That he is by occupation a farmer but owing to the debilitated condition of his hand he is not able to do but little work -- his family consists of himself & wife alone she is about 55 years of age very illy able to support herself by work in consequence of the almost certain loss of the use of her right arm.

S/ Henry Porch, X his mark

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Henry Porch came into court, it being a court of record, (it being the same Court in which he formally filed his original plea & Schedule to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 18 March 1818 & the 1st May 1820) on the 7th July 1828, before the Honorable Joseph Eve Circuit Judge and made Oath in due form of law to the following facts and addition to his original Plea & Schedule -- he is entirely illiterate & as to dates he may be mistaken but about 9 months or 10 months after the battle of Guilford C. house in the State of North Carolina between the American forces under General N. Greene & Lord Cornwallis he enlisted for the term of 12 months at Halifax Court house, North Carolina by Major Hogg and as he believes his given name was John, and as he believes in the first Regiment North Carolina line on Continental establishment his Colonel's name he do not recollect, but begs the roll of the first Regiment aforesaid to be examined for his name. After Hogg enlisted him he was put under Captain John Bush who belonged to Major Hogg Os the is Battalion, after serving a while under Bush, he (Bush) resigned & he was put under Captain Walton -- He served out his time and was discharged at the 2 sisters [ferry] in the State of South Carolina by his Captain who commanded him after Walton, but his name he has forgotten -- His discharge he has long since lost.

S/ Henry Porch, X his mark

[Thomas Cox and Levi Cox attested to the reputation of Porch for truth.]

State of Kentucky Whitley County

On the 21st day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Whitley County Court Henry Poarch a resident of Whitley County Kentucky aged seventy-five 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 between the year 1776 and 1779 in Franklin County North Carolina under Captain William Allen of the North Carolina Militia; and Lieutenant Hopkins who marched from the Cross roads in said County to Tarberry [Tarborough], from thence to Cross Creek now Fayetteville above Camden from Tarboro to Cross Creek was commanded by General Ash [sic, John Ashe] (or Nash) from thence through South Carolina to Brier Creek in the State of Georgia where he was in a battle with the enemy and defeated many being drowned on the retreat in attempting to Cross the River Savannah, he continued in the service until discharged the whole Tour a term of actual service being 6 months and more before got home. He shortly after volunteered in Halifax County North Carolina under the command of Major Hogg marched from thence to Cross Creek (near Fayetteville) thence to head quarters at the high hills of Santee and joined General Greene's Army thence to St. John's Island under the

command of Captain Sharp, thence back to headquarters at the high hills of Santee completing a tour of 12 months and of much hardship. He received a discharge for the last tour of 12 months as well as the first of 6 making in all 18 months in which he served faithfully his discharges has been lost or destroyed being considered of no value he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove the above service nor no witnesses living that he knows but is confident he served full 18 months or more as above stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Poarch, X his mark

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr: I was born in Franklin County North Carolina at the year not recollected but I entered the service in my 18th or 19th year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr: No

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service?

Ansr: In Franklin County North Carolina

4<sup>th</sup> Where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live

Ansr: In Franklin County North Carolina except the last 20 odd years which is in Whitley County Kentucky where I now live.

5<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr: 1<sup>st</sup> drafted the 2nd a volunteer

6<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

Ansr: General Ashe, General Greene, Captain Sharp, Captain Allen, Major Hogg

7. State the circumstances of your service.

Ansr: I cannot more than I have in my declaration without going into particulars which should feel many pages if I could recollect them.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Poarch, X his mark

[fn p. 51: William Hays, a clergyman, and John Ross gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: On December 29, 1849 in Whitley County Kentucky, Rebecca Court, aged about 90 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Porch, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum; that she married him in the year 17\_\_ in Franklin County North Carolina; that her husband died in Whitley County Kentucky April 3, 1849; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving service but was married to him prior to January one, 1794.]

[fn p. 14: on July 20, 1855 in Pulaski County Kentucky, Ezekiel A. Porch gave testimony that he is the 2nd child of Henry Porch, a revolutionary soldier now deceased, and Rebecca Porch his widow; that he Ezekiel was born July 22, 1788 as appears in a record of his birth made in a Bible in his possession and made in his hand writing in 1800 at the direction of his mother; affiant remembers distinctly the births of his youngest sister who was born in 1795.]

[fn p 22: 8 given to Henry Porch and Thomas Brown on December 12, 1786 in Franklin County North Carolina to secure the marriage of Henry Porch to Rebecca Denton.]

[[Facts in file: the widow's name prior to her marriage was Rebecca Denton; she claimed to be about 100 years old and a petition she filed November 18, 1856 while living in Pulaski County Kentucky.]