State of Virginia  
County of Fairfax to wit  

On this 15th day of February 1821 before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the said County of Fairfax, personally appeared John Powell who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain Howard [sic: Thomas Hord] in the regiment commanded by Col. Beaufort [sic: Abraham Buford] in the Service of the United States, that he was in Beaufort’s defeat [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] when & where he received sundry wounds, on account of which he was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia, that he has never received a certificate of that fact under the signature & seal of the Secretary of War, but that he has regularly received his pension up to the 4th day of September 1818, & that he at present receives five Dollars thirty three & one third cents p month [signed] John Powell

[The following are in the bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia:]

I Do Certify that Serg’t John Powell did Enlist in the Continental Service, with Capt. Thomas West of 10th V. Reg’t. in January 1777 for 3 years and after the Expiration of which time he reenlisted for the War in the 6th and always conducted him Self as a Brave and faithfull Soldier As Witness my hand this 10th of May 1784 — I do also believe he has receiv’d no wages since Aug’t. 1779

Thos. Pearson Lt [Thomas Pearson]/ 6th VR

The above Serg’t. Powell was wounded in col’l. Bufords defeat at the Waxesaws & was taken prisoner in May 1780 since which time he [ha]s not been in service. Samuel Hawes Lt. Colo.

NOTES:

In a deposition in support of an application for bounty land by heirs of Rhodam Moxley (BLWt597-200), Powell deposed that he was “badly wounded” at the Battle of Waxhaws. Powell’s pension certificate and other documents show that he was a Sergeant.

Also in the file is a letter written and signed by John Powell from Centreville in Fairfax County.