Pension Application of Thomas Potts S7326 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. MD

[The following does not necessarily apply to the present Thomas Potts.]

Auditor's Office,/ Annapolis May 23^d 1828.

I certify, that it appears by the Muster Rolls remaining in the Office, That Thomas Potts a private in the 4th Maryland Reg't. enlisted on the 1st day of June 1778, and in the column of remarks, is designated as Wagoner (Wilmington, September 79 not heard of) Under his name is written with red ink – Joined Landsdale's [sic: Thomas Lansdale, pension application W13604]. [Edward] Oldham's – I presume this remark is intended for companies. Thomas Karney Aud'r/

TREASURY DEPARTMENT. 30 August 1828.

Thomas Potts of Sneedesborough [sic: Sneedsborough] in the County of Anson in the State of North Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain Prices or the 4th company, in the fourth regiment of the Maryland line; and that he received a certificate for a reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office. By order of the Secretary F A. Dickins

THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 5th September 1828

The name of Thomas Potts cannot be found among those of the Maryland line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars was issued. Peter Hagner Aud

Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of the County of Richmond in the State of North Carolina John Fennel who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was acquainted with Thomas Potts a revolutionary Soldier of the Maryland line & belonged to the same Regiment that the Term of service was during the War the third Regiment. this Deponant further states that he is still acquanted with the said Thomas Potts & knows him to be the same person with whome he served during the war

Sworn to before me the 24th day of June 1829

B C Covington JP

Thomas Potts appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in the County of Anson State of North Carolina and made the following statement that he was raised in Carlisle County State of Maryland that he listed into the Continental army under Capt Mitchel he thinks near two years before the siege of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] that he was carried to Anapolis where he staid some time but does not remember how long was there Enoculated with the small pox, the Summer before the taking of the British Army at York he was put under Capt Price Colo [Peter] Adams Regiment with whom he served to the end of the War or untill he was placed under Maj'r Bartley [possibly John Barclay] Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne's Brigade that in the summer before the taking of York he marched with his Brigade to Virginia and was at the Siege of York & taking of the British Army that at that time he was one of those who under the Marquis Dela Fayette [Marquis de Lafayette] stormed a British fort that was in front of their main works [probably Redoubt 10 under Col. Alexander Hamilton] that after the taking of the British Army he marched with Waynes Brigade to the Southward. that in South Carolina near the Catawba River he was taken sick & left under the charge of Major Bartley a South Carolina Officer with whome he

Continued to the end of the War & was by him discharged that he remembers the following Officers and privates that belonged to the Regiment Capt. his Captain Colo Adams Sargeant Collis Corporal Walker Drum Major Armstrong Privates Thomas Woodward Phil Graham Wm Smith [William Smith] & Thomas Jones other Captains in the Regiment [Lylburne] Williams Skinner & Winchester [James Winchester, pension application W23] also Capt Crawford & Capt Mitchel Sargeants Ward & Shomake Maj'r. Eggleston [possibly John Eccleston] Capt Human he also remembers Gen'l. [William] Smallwood Gen'l [Charles] Lee & his own Gen'l Wayne Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6th day of May 1830 Thomas hisXmark Potts

State of North Carolina }

Anson County }

On this 6th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Thomas Potts a resident of Sneedsborough in said County & State aged Seventy one 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States about Two years before Cornwallis was taken listed first under Capt Mitchel & Major Whitley [Whitely?] & stationed at Carlisle Court House which was the Court House of his Native County that he enlisted during the war was marched to Choptank Bridge from thence passed over the Bay to Anopolis & was then placed under Capt Price in the third (as he believes) Regiment Colo Adams that he afterward marched to Virginia under Gen'l Smalwood and joined the main army at or near Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] was at the siege of York & was under Marquis De la Fayette at the storming of British Fort in front of the British lines that after the siege of York his Regiment marched to the south under Gen'l Wayne passed through North Carolina into South Carolina & on the Catawba River he was taken sick & not able to march was left with Major Bartley a South Carolina officer with whom he remained to the end of the War that he rembers the following officers of the Regiment Capt. Price his own Captain Capt Williams Capt. Skinner & Capt Winchester Sargeant Collis of Prices Comp'y Sargeant Shomake of Capt. Williams Comp'y & the following privates Phillip Graham Phil Savay [possibly Philip Savoy S35057] Prices Cop'y Sargeant Fields in Williams Comp'y that he was born & raised in Carlile Count Stat of Maryland that he listed but once & that during the War does not remember the date thinks he served upward of two years

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is no on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State

Thomas hisXmark Potts

NOTE: The file contains other declarations of service that add nothing to the above.