Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Powell VAS257 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

I do hereby certify that Wm Powell a Lieutenant of infantry in the Virginia line on Continental establishment during the Revolutionary war received on the 19th April 1783 a Certificate for the balance of his full pay or depreciation amounting to £184.3.5, which certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Powell by a memorandum made on the Army Register in this office.

Given under my hand this 27 July 1832 S/ Jas. E. Heath, Audt. of pub accounts [Auditor of Public Accounts]

At a Court of Monthly Session held for Newton County, at the Courthouse on Monday the 24th day of September 1832

On the motion of Nathaniel R Powell, Lucas Powell, William Powell, Charlotte Powell and Courtney Powell heirs at Law of William Powell deceased late of Amherst County and State of Virginia: It is ordered to be certified to the Governor and Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia that it satisfactorily appears to the Court from the affidavits of Smith Thompson and William Lockhard soldiers of the Revolution and from the affidavit of Rebecca E Thompson and other evidence that William Powell deceased late of the County of Amherst and State aforesaid entered the Army of the Revolution as an Ensign or Lieutenant of the 10 Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, and that he served therein with our troops engaged in the North between three and four years. That it also appears to the Court that the said William Powell departed this life intestate in the year 1796 leaving a widow and six children, that the widow and one of the said children have departed this life child without issue and both intestate and that the said Nathaniel R, Lucas, William, Charlotte & Courtney are the sole surviving heirs at Law of the said William Powell deceased.

And the Court doth further ordered that it be certified to the said Governor and Council that it satisfactorily appears to them that the said Smith Thompson, William Lockhard and Rebecca E Thompson whose affidavits are hereto annexed are credible persons and that their testimony is entitled to entire credit.

Which said affidavits are in the words and figures following to wit: Augusta County to wit

This day Smith Thompson personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said

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¹ Smith Thompson S38438

County and made oath that he is a Revolutionary soldier, that he was at White Marsh in Pennsylvania that he was there acquainted with a certain William Powell who was either an Ensign or Lieutenant in the 10th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, this was in the month of November 1777 – since that date he had no personal knowledge of the said Powell. After the battle of Monmouth in June 1778 there was a detail or draft of officers to go with the 13th Regiment to Wyoming to fight the Indians. He understood that the said Powell was one of those who went on that expedition and this is the last he heard of the said Powell. Given under my hand this 7th day of September 1832

S/Wm Young

Amherst County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid William Lockhard² of the said County and made oath that he is a soldier of the war of the Revolution and that for his said services, he is now in the semiannual receipt of a pension from the Government of the United States, and that during the said War he was well acquainted with a certain William Powell of the County of Amherst, that the said Powell was and Officer in a Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and was engaged in recruiting at Amherst old Courthouse but what Regiment that said Powell was attached to or what was his grade whether a Lieutenant or a Captain, the affiant does not recollect, but it was one of those grades. That the said Powell marched his men somewhere to the Northern States but where he does not know and he believes that he was absent in this service three or four years – That after the close of the Revolutionary War and the affiant had returned to the County of Amherst from his Southern campaign under Colonel Washington he resided as near neighbor to the said Powell until he died; and that the said Powell was then called Captain – and that the said Powell before his death had often told him the affiant that he was an officer in commission during the War. Given under my hand this 4th day of August 1832

S/ Henry J Rose

Amherst County to wit:

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Rebecca E Thompson formerly Rebecca E Powell and made oath that she is the sister of William Powell deceased late of the County of Amherst. That the said William Powell at an early period of the Revolutionary War ended the regular service as a commissioned Officer and marched somewhere to the northward. That she does not remember what his grade [was] but thinks it was that of Ensign or Lieutenant of Infantry. That she does not remember how long he was in the service, but she has a perfect recollection of his return with a shattered Constitution having suffered in his absence from the smallpox, and being a corpulent man the fatigues of the service had greatly reduced him. She is sure that he did not remain in the service till the end of the War. That sometime after his return from the He intermarried with Mary Cooper by whom he had the following children Lucas, William, Parmelia, Charlotte, Courtney & Nathaniel when he died in the year 1796 – living [sic, leaving] his said wife and children. That he died in the County of Amherst intestate. That his widow survived until a few years past when she removed to the State of Tennessee and there died. That his son Lucas, William & Nathaniel R and his daughter Charlotte & Courtney are still living and are his soul heirs at law is daughter Parmelia having married but died intestate & without child or children. Given under my hand this 24th day of

² Sic. William Lockard S38152

September 1832.

S/ John Coleman

A Copy Teste: S/ Spotswood Garland, Clerk