

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Porter S25370

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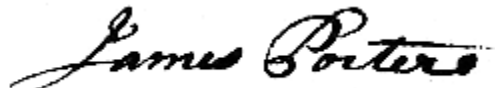
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North Carolina Iredell County} Jan^y 22 1818 [could be 1816] This day James Porter came before me the subscriber Justice assigned to keep the peace of said County and made oath as the law directs he the said deponent deposeth & saith that he was an acting Sergeant at the time he received a wound at the Battle at Ramsour's [Ramseur's Mill]¹ in the year 1780 and had been Sergeant above twelve months before that time, But being unacquainted with the manner in which a pension was obtained, when he first laid in He this said deponent did not know that it was necessary to prove his appointment, and Capt. Ritchard Graham [sic, Richard Graham] (the only surviving officer of the Company) residences was from 80 to 100 miles distant from his own he therefore was placed on the pension list as a private, he now praised that he may be placed on the pension list agreeable to his standing in the Army.

Sworn to & subscribed the date above mentioned before me

S/ Geo Robinson, JP

S/ James Porter



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State of Alabama County of Dallas} Sct

On this fifteenth day of September 1823 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Dallas personally appeared James Porter who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain William Armstrong in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke of the Militia of North Carolina acting in the public services in defense of the United States in the Revolutionary War; That his name was placed on the list of the United States pension roll of the State of North Carolina agency from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Alabama where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future.

Sworn to & subscribed to before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ George V. Dick, JP

S/ James Porter

¹ June 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

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Surgeons Affidavit

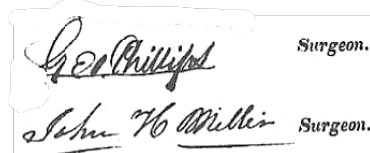
It is hereby certify, that James Porter a Private in the Company of William Armstrong in the Regiment of the United States Militia is rendered incapable of performing that duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds and other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid, and in the line of duty, viz., at the Battle with Tories at Ramsour's Mills in the State of North Carolina.

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination it appears that on the 20th day of June in the year 1780 being engaged with the Tories at or near a place called Ramsour's Mills in the State of North Carolina he received a wound by a Bullet in his hip of the left side which entered opposite the ilium [sic, ilium] of the left side wounded the Saccrum [sic, sacrum] and went out on the back part of the ilium of the right side --

and he is hereby, not only incapacitated for military duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is entirely disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor by a stiffness of the back and weakness of the lower extremities in consequence of the injury done to the Sacral nerves.

S/ Geo. Phillips, Surgeon [George Phillips]

S/ John H. Miller, Surgeon



Geo. Phillips Surgeon.
John H. Miller Surgeon.

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North Carolina Iredell County January the 10th 1816

This day Richard Graham came before me George Robinson Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace for said County of Iredell -- and after being sworn as Law Directs deposeth & saith as follows That at the Batel [sic, Battle] at Ramsour's [Mills] said Graham was Acting by appointment as Ensign and deposeth that James Porter was an Inhabitant of the County of Rowan and at said Battle was Acting as Sergeant in said Company with said Graham and that said Porter received a severe wound by a ball which rendered him incapable of any further service during said War.

Sworn to & subscribed the Date above mentioned by said Richard Graham Captain before me

S/ George Robinson, JP

S/ Richard Graham



Richard Graham

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[the medical terms in the following stumped me—suggested corrections will be welcomed.]

North Carolina Iredell Count} January 20th 1816

In pursuance of a Commission to me directed I James Stewart of said County have Examined a Mr. James Porter of a wound said to he Received in a Battle at Ramsour's & find the Ball entered the left side & struck the Qs [?] Sacrum obliquely & passed out of the right side. A Carous [?] of

the bone followed, an adhesion of the ligament to the bone has taken place, & all binding forward will be attended with an Uneasy Sensation, and from the age of Mr. Porter and all Infirmities will naturally affect the weak Part, I suppose Mr Porter's Ability to Get a Support by Manual Labor is Reduced one half. Sworn to [&] Subscribed the date above written before me.
S/ Geo. Robinson, JP

S/ James Stewart

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Stewart".

No. Carolina

Iredell County } January 22nd, 1816

Pursuant to the aforesaid Commission to me also directed I have examined James Porter respecting a wound he received at the battle of Ramsoar's in the Revolutionary war and find the wound to have been as described above by Doctor James Stewart, And I do also concur in opinion with him as to the ratio of Disability viz. that he is disabled one half by the said wound from procuring his Subsistence by Manual Labor.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

George Robinson, JP

Joseph Guy, MD

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Guy, MD".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$4 per month commencing January 5, 1825.]