## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Virgil Poe S35565
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United States of America Kentucky District Sct.

This day Virgil Poe aged about sixty-two years a Citizen of the United States and a resident of Franklin County in the State of Kentucky this day came before me Robert Trimble District Judge of the United States in the District aforesaid, and for the purpose of obtaining a pension from the United States under the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 did upon oath, declare, that about February 1776 he enlisted as a regular Soldier of the United States in the Revolutionary War, in the company of Captain Haws [Samuel Hawes] of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood for three years; = that he faithfully served out the said term of three years, & something upwards, as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, in the said 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment; – that during his service Colonel Spotswood was promoted, & the Regiment was afterwards commanded by Colonel Christian Febiger, from whom this applicant obtained an Honorable discharge at Springfield, in New Jersey on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May in the [year] 1779; but which discharge he has lost many years ago: That he was in the battles of German-town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] & Brandywine [September 11, 1777], in the former of which he was wounded by a shot in the left hip, from which wound he had not entirely recovered when he left the Army: That he does not recollect anyone now living in Kentucky by whom he can prove his services, except Major William Taylor of Louisville, who belonged to the same company & Regiment, the said Taylor being Captain of the company after the promotion of Captain Hawes: - the said Poe further declared that he obtained a pension from the United States in the year 1811 or thereabouts of \$2.50 per month on account of the wound before mentioned; upon the affidavit of said William Taylor, as the papers in the war office will show: = That he is in such reduced circumstances in life as to need the assistance of his Country for support; = That on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818, he made a similar declaration upon oath before the District Judge of the Kentucky District, for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818; which was transmitted to the war Department, & returned for further proof as to his circumstances: which proof being made it was again, as he is informed by the Judge transmitted to the war Department, but has probably miscarried. He waives the former pension allowed him on account of wounds &c if one shall be allowed him, upon this application, which he prays &c and he hopes that it will be allowed to take date from the date of his former declaration & application, to wit, the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1818 &c.

Sworn to before made this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1820 S/ Robt Trimble

S/ Virgil Poe

State of Kentucky Franklin Circuit Sct. October Term 1820

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said circuit, and had in the County of Franklin, Virgil Poe, aged sixty-two years resident in the said County of Franklin, within the said Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit: That he in Caroline County Virginia on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1776 enlisted as a private soldier to serve three years into Captain Samuel Haws company belonging to the Second Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, then commanded by Colonel Spotswood, That he was marched to Williamsburg Virginia, thence to Wilmington in the State of Delaware, thence to Philadelphia, where he joined the main Army and continued to serve in the main Army until sometime in May 1779 when he was discharged at bond-brook in the State of New Jersey. That he was in the following Battles to wit Brandywine & Jermantown [sic], and was wounded in the latter battle by a musket Ball in the hip, which has disabled him ever since. That he has received a pension certificate under the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818.

And 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. That he is by occupation a farmer and is unable to labor much on account of his wound aforesaid received in the Battle of Germantown, and that he has no family but a Wife,

A Schedule of the property of Virgil Poe and its value to wit

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1 Blind mare & saddle	value	\$22.00
1 Ponney horse	do	20.00
1 Cow & two Yearlings	do	18.00
1 Kettle 2 pots 1 cast dutch oven	do	10.00
1 plough & apparatus	do	7.00
3 chains 75 cents each	do	2.25
1 Axe 1 Hoe 1 hand saw 2 chissell}	do	
1 pair of compasses 2 flat irons }	do	8.00
1 Tea Kettle 1 set of cups & saucers	\$}	
pair of pot hooks, & one chest	}do	4.00
Two Tables	do	2.00
1 cupboard	do	7.00
1 Bible 1 Bunyon's Hackle	do	2.00
Pilgims progress 1 spelling Book	do	6.00
1? Baron & 1 Bowe	do	2.00
2 Sheets 75 cents each	do	1.50
		\$112.75 a

S/ Virgil Poe

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 9, 1818 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

## [From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

[Power of attorney dated May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1818 granted by Virgil Poe, resident of Franklin County Kentucky whereby his attorney was empowered to pursue his claim for military bounty land from the state of Virginia for his services during the revolutionary war and also to pursue the land claim of his brother William Poe for services performed in the Continental Army during the revolutionary war. Signed by Virgil Poe.]

I William Taylor<sup>1</sup> of Louisville in the County of Jefferson & State of Kentucky do certify that I was a Captain in the Second Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War – that the Virgil Poe mentioned in the aforesaid Power of attorney was a Soldier in my Company, – that he enlisted to serve three years & did serve out the time & was honorably discharged. – And I do further certify that the William Poe mentioned in the aforesaid power of attorney was likewise a Soldier in my company & enlisted to serve three years – that before the three years had expired the said William Poe sickened & died while in service, & that I have always understood & do believe that the said Virgil Poe was the only Brother of the said William Poe & his heir at law

S/ William Taylor Senr. Formerly Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment

Late Major 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

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