## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Powell S39023 Transcribed by Will Graves f19VA 11/14/12

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## Schedule

State of South Carolina Pendleton District: On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court in the Court of General Sessions of the peace Oyer and Terminer Assize and General Gaol delivery for the said District in the State aforesaid being a Court of Record John Powell aged seventy-one years, resident in Pendleton District, in the said State, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he enlisted at Greenbrier in Virginia in January 1775 under Captain Matthew Arbuckle of the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel John Neville of the Virginia Line for three years served two years and six months and then hired a man to serve the other six months: and was discharged at Winchester in Virginia in June 1777 by Colonel James Wood – lost his discharge; made Original declaration as well as he recollects, in January 1820, before Chancellor Waddy Thompson of Greenville District, South Carolina – has not as yet received a return of his papers or Certificate. 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. Has no property except his wearing apparel, and bed & bedding: about ten years ago he gave up his property to settle his debts has not on anything since; and is much affected with pains, and cannot ride on horseback, By occupation a farmer but cannot labor to follow it. Seven in family, viz., wife Polly aged fifty-nine not able to do much, David Powell aged twenty-seven years, Thomas Powell aged twenty-five years, Nancy Powell age twenty-one years, Elizabeth Powell aged nineteen years, Sally Powell aged seventeen years, his sons are able to labor & on a piece of poor land which they work and do maintain the said John Powell, day on slaves and but little other property, and the said John Powell saith he is supported by private charity by his sons.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 before S/ Abm Nott, Presiding Judge S/ John Powell

Before me Waddy Thompson Judge of the Court of Equity personally came John Powell within named a person to me well known and worthy of credit and made oath, That on a further

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This file does not contain the original declaration or any explanation of what became of it.

recollection of the statements within set forth he is of opinion that his first enlistment might have been for something like one year for that in January 1776 he was near Pittsburgh Virginia when he enlisted for 2 years and was discharged as within set forth – And further that the written Statement is just & true to the best of his knowledge.

The above sworn to this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1821. I certify also that an original Declaration was made before made by the said John Powell and sworn to in solemn form in the month of January 1820. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my private seal being no seal of the Court of Equity in this [County] I also certify I believe the same Declaration to be true.

S/W. Thompson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 31, 1820, for service as a private for 2 ½ years in the Virginia Continental line.]