

RICHARD PORTERFIELD

SERVICE	NUMBER	
<i>Continental (Va.)</i>	<i>Porterfield, Richard</i>	<i>W 2341</i>
	<i>Louisa</i>	<i>B.L. No. 26764-160-55</i>
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East Tennessee

Richard Porterfield

of *Greene Co* in the state of *Pen.*
who was a *Private* in the *Conty* commanded
by Captain *Spencer* of the regiment commanded
by Colonel *Waller* in the *A. 1796*
line, for the term of *two years*.

Inscribed on the Roll of *East Tennessee*
at the rate of *8* Dollars per month, to commence on
the *29* of *July 1823*.

Certificate of Pension issued the *14* of *May 1824*
and *Walter H. W. John Pol. an*

Arrears to 4th of *March 1824* *57.86*
Semi-an. all'ce ending *Sept 1824* *48*

\$ 105.86

{ Revolutionary claim,
Acts March 18, 1818,
and May 1, 1820. }

March 1825

Richard Porterfield filed for Pension and was enrolled in Greene County on July 29, 1823. Richard's second wife and widow, Louisa Rose Porterfield (1818-1872), received Land Warrants for 160 acres under the Act of 1855. She would also file for and receive a Widow's Pension.

Richard is shown in the Greene County Pension Roster in 1835. By 1850, Richard and Louisa are enumerated in Knox County in the 1850 Census. Richard was age 92 and Louisa was 31. Louisa applied for and received a Widow's Pension in 1853, receiving \$96 per year. She filed for and received Bounty Land Warrants in 1855.

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Richard Porterfield applied for revolutionary pension January 27, 1824, while living in Greene County, Tennessee. He enlisted in March, 1779, in a company commanded by Captain Fulkner, in a Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel William Washington. He served in the battle of Camden, where he was wounded. According to his age as given in 1840 he was born about 1758 but he does not give the year of his birth or the place. When he entered the service he was living in Albemarle County, Virginia. He moved to Greene County, Tennessee, by or before 1820. He was married twice. In his application for pension in 1824 he stated that his wife had been dead for about three years and that he had two sons and two daughters. The name of his deceased wife and the names of the children are not given. He moved to Knox County where he married, August 31, 1847, Louisa Bose, born 1816. She survived him, applied for a widow's pension, which was granted, and died in Knox County after 1866.

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CHAPTER VII

AUGUSTA COUNTY PORTERFIELDS

(1e). Patrick Porterfield, born in Ireland, farmer, was an early landowner in Augusta County, Virginia.

Judge Chalkley, in his Augusta County records, gives the name of Patrick Porterfield. In the court records of those days are often found the only clues remaining of even important families. In 1752, Patrick Porterfield was allowed for keeping a poor child. He was then a resident of Augusta County, twenty-three years before the Revolution. In the records of the county of the vicinity of Patrick Porterfield's home may be found references to Seth Porterfield and James Porterfield who moved away from Augusta County before the Revolution. Mary Porterfield who became Mrs. Boyd and whose descendants may yet be found in Monroe County, West Virginia, may also be found in the Augusta County records, and Richard Porterfield who ran away from home in March, 1779, at the age of sixteen, to join Captain Fauntleroy's company of light dragoons in Albemarle County in a nearby neighborhood. After a period of military service, during which he was wounded, his name being found now in the Greenbrier County records, he was honorably discharged, and finding Augusta County not to his liking moved beyond the Alleghenies where his sister had located. Later, he married and moved to Tennessee. His first wife died in 1821, in Tennessee, being survived by her husband, two sons and two daughters who were then living in the Red River country which includes a lot of territory. However, Richard Porterfield remarried in Knox County, Tennessee, July 12, 1847, and deceased five years later, 1852.

Local histories of Monroe County, West Virginia, give annals of the Boyd family, descending from Patrick Porterfield.

Pension Application of Richard Porterfield W2341
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee }
Anderson County }

On this 10th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record by the laws of this State) Richard Porterfield of the County and state aforesaid aged about Fifty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820 — That he the said Richard Porterfield inlisted in the State of Virginia during the War in the spring of 1779 in the Company Commanded by Capt. Fantleroy [sic: Lt. Griffin Fautleroy] (who was detached, as well as his memory serves him, from the 5th to the 3rd Regiments of Virginia Cavalry Commanded by Colonel William Washington in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment That he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the Battle at Campdon [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], which was he thinks about two years he served In the Army when he was there wounded, and obtained a certificate in consequence of his wound from Lieutenant Ginn (his Capt. Fantleroy having been killed at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]) untill fit for service or called on and never was called on after nor before he recovered and was always ready to obey after he got fit for duty and that he was in the Battle of Guilford, and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of said service except his own oath. he further states that he does not know possitively whether the said Fantleroy was a Captain at the time he enlisted, but that when Capt. Fantleroy Marched to the South from Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough NC] he joined him and afterward Capt. Fantleroy was killed in the Battle of Guilford as before stated and in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and & eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War Passed on the 18th 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 of any description nor property Except a very scanty Allowance of half worn wearing clothes and my Crutches, which I am obliged to use to help me from place to place - I have no family residing with me nor have had none for a considerable time. I have no occupation excepting I can make coarse shoes, when not too much afflicted with Rheumattik pains of which I have not been clear for more than twelve months past and I have never received any pay for my services as a soldier or in consequence of my wound at the Battle of Camden. Sworn to and declared on the 10th day of July 1820 before The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid [signed] Richard Porterfield

State of Tennessee }
Sevier County }

Second Judicial circuit Court for said County. January Session 1823

This day George Parsons [pension application S38991] personally appeared in open Court and made oath that in the spring year 1779 to the best of his knowledge Richard Porterfield joined Col. William Washington's Regiment of Light Dragoons and in and about the same time he enlisted and joined the said Regiment at Hillsboro (State of North Carolina) from that place we were marched to Salisbury from that to Charlotte thence to Providence [probably New Providence now in Charlotte] and there continued part of the winter took Col Rugely [see endnote]. afterwards joined Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan's Rifle men and marched to Packolet [sic: Pacolet River]. from thence to the Cowpens where Tarlton was defeated [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, 7 Jan 1781] then we marched to Guilford and fought Cornwallis. thence to the Battle of Campden at which Battle this deponent was taken prisoner in the commencement of the

action and seen no more of Richard Porterfield, but from the information rec'd. of him, he was there wounded himself and his Horse killed under him. Through all the above mentioned battles the said Porterfield was present with his Regiment to the best of my knowledge and further this deponent saith not
[signed] George Parsons

State of Tennessee } July Sessions 1823.
Greene County }

This day James Dawson [pension application S9657] personally appeared in open Court and made oathes that in the fall sometime in the year 1779 to the best of his knowledge he became acquainted with Richard Porterfield at a place called New Providence North Carolina in the third Virginia Ridgment of Cavellre commanded by Col William Washington the said Porterfield was then in the United States servis under Col. Washington I then inlisted under Col. Washington and march on in said Ridgment to the takeing of Colo Rugely with a pine log supposed to be a Cannon thence marched to Packlet and joined general Morgan Riflemen I then left the Ridgment but said Porterfield still Remained in the service of the united states & further this deponent saith not said service was for more than nine months in succession. Sworn to in open Court 29th July 1823. James hisXmark Dawson
[Dawson made a similar deposition on 21 June 1823.]

Court of pleas & quarter sessions of Greene County in the state of Tennessee the same being a court of record by Act of Assembly

On this 27th day of January 1824 Personally appeared in open Court the same being a court of Record for the County aforesaid Richard Porterfield aged sixty years years and a resident in the County of Greene aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820 that he said Richard Porterfield inlisted for the Term of during the War in the state of virginia at in Albamarle [sic: Albemarle] County in the Spring of 1779 in the month of March in the company commanded by Capt Fantleroy who was detached as well as his memory serves him from the 1st to the 3^d Regiment Virginia Cavelry in the Regiment commanded by Colo William Washington in the line of the said State of Virginia on the [blank space] Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until the battle at Campden in the month of May or June [sic] 1781 and which was he thinks about two years when he was there wounded and obtained a certificate in consequence of his wound from Lieutenant Guinn which certificate was given in the state of South Carolina (his Capt Fantleroy having been killed at the battle of Gilford) until fit for service or called on and he never was called on after nor before he recovered and was always ready to obey after he got fit for duty. He was in the battle of Gilford. And that he has no other evidence of his service in his power that he knows of but his own oath and the accompanying certificates of James Dawson & George Parsons

[The oath similar to that in the first declaration follows, with the following schedule of property:]

One mare Saddle and Bride worth Sixty Dollars \$60

Nothing more Except Waring apparel

I has no family with me. I once had a family my wife has been dead about three year he had to sons and two daughters who he believes are in the red river Country My common avocation is shoe making but he can only make cours shoes and is a cripple in his hips and right arm And is often afflicted with Rheumatic pains which render him often scarcely able to move about with a crutch which he always uses and frequently and often unable to make shoes or do any thing at it Sworn to and declared on this 27 day of January 1824 [signed] Richard Porterfield

NOTES:

On 26 Aug 1843 Richard Porterfield deposed as follows in support of the pension application of James Braden (Brady) R1124: "Affiant is more fully convinced of his identity from the fact of affiant being wounded at the battle of the pine tree now Camden and belives James Brady to be the soldier that took a handkerchief from his Bradys waist and bound up affiants wound which was bleeding profusely affiant is fully convinced of his being the same man from

there being a song in verse and sung in camp to the following effect. My name is James Brady a lad that loves pleasure/ for drinking and fidling I am for ever at leisure/ to see me in the element all Ladys adore me/ with my hogshead of brandy a rolling before me."

On 4 Dec 1780 William Washington compelled Col. Henry Rugeley and more than a hundred other Loyalists to surrender from a fortified barn at Rugeley's Mill by threatening them with a pine log mounted to resemble a cannon.

On 27 Apr 1853 in Knox County TN Louisa Porterfield applied for a pension stating that she married Richard Porterfield in Knox County on 12 July 1847, and he died 30 Jan 1852. The file includes a copy of a bond signed 12 July 1847 by Richard Porterfield and E. S. Temple for the marriage of Porterfield to Louisa Rose. On 5 Sep 1853 she applied under a different act, stating that she was 35, and she married Richard Porterfield on 30 Aug 1847. On 7 Apr 1855 at age 38 she applied for bounty land. Her pension was suspended during the Civil War but was apparently restored after she took the oath of allegiance on 23 Aug 1865.

17, 199.
Richard Porterfield
Anderson Co. Tennessee

10. July, 1820.
Col: Washington's reg.
Virginia line, Spring of
1779 to 1781 - 2 y.

Not found on the rolls.
The testimony, on oath,
of two or more disinterested and credible
persons, certified as such
by the judge, proving
9 months service, in
Continuance, on con-
tinental establ. is
required.
Arthur Crozier, agent.
Clinton town, Tennessee
Dec. 29, July, 1820

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress
Approved - February 3rd 1853 -

Declaration

State of Tennessee
County of Knox S.S.

Be it known that on this 27th day of April A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty three personally appeared before the subscriber one Letitia Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above written Louise Partisfield and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following Declaration that she is the widow of Richard Partisfield who was - a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States at the rate of Ninety six dollars - per annum - on the 11th day of Tennessee agency under act of Congress passed - March 18th 1818 - at the rate above stated that she was married in the County of Knox - Tennessee to the identical Richard Partisfield whose name is on the 12th day of July A. D. eighteen hundred and forty seven - and her husband - Richard Partisfield above stated died on the 30th day - of January - eighteen hundred and fifty two - and she has not remarried but continues a widow she makes this application in order to procure the pension due her under act of Congress above referred to -

Louise ^{his} Partisfield
Wife

Sworn and subscribed before me one Letitia Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above written and I would Certify that Louise Partisfield who makes the above Declaration is a Person in whose full faith and every way

be pleased. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand this 27th day of April 1853

William H. Gray (Jr)
Justice of the Peace
for Knox Co Tennessee

State of Tennessee
Knox County

Be it known that on this
27th day of April eighteen hundred and fifty three
personally appeared before the undersigned an acting
Justice of the Peace in and for said County John
McNitt - Charles Mundy - two respective citizens
of this said County and being first duly sworn
according to Law do hereby make the following
affidavit that they were well acquainted with
Richard Partiford who was a Revolutionary Soldier
of the American Army for Revolutionary Services - and
affiants would declare that Larissa Partiford who
makes the foregoing Declaration - is the widow of
the Soldier Richard Partiford above named &
is now a widow -

John McNitt
Charles Mundy

I am and subscribe before me an acting
Justice of the Peace in and for the County and
State above written and I hereby certify that
John McNitt and Charles Mundy - who make the foregoing
affidavit are persons in whose full faith and credit
may be placed. In testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand - this 27th day of April 1853 -

William H. Gray (Jr)
Justice of the Peace for
Knox Co - Tennessee

With the coming of the Civil War and succession of the Southern States, including Tennessee, Louisa's Pension was stopped on August 15, 1861. After the War, and upon taking the Oath of Loyalty, her Pension was restored on March 6, 1866.

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
March 8 1866.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst, relative to the pension of Mrs Louisa Porterfield, of Knoxville Tenn, I have to inform you that she was last paid to 4th March 1861.

Very Respectfully
John Wilson
Auditor

Division No. 2113

Tennessee
Louisa Porterfield
Widow of Richard Porterfield

who died on the
who was a Private in Revolutionary War

Captain Company
of the Va Line Regiment

Inscribed on the Roll of Knoxville Tenn
at the rate of 96 Dollars Cents per Annum
commence on the 4th day of March
1861, and continue for ~~one year~~ End August 15, 1861
Commencing again March 6th 1866

Certificate of Pension issued the 14th day
of March, 1866, and sent to
Butler Smith
Knoxville Tenn

Ed February, 1863.
Recorded by E. D. Collier, Clerk.
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Louisa Eliza Rose Porterfield (1818-1872) and Richard Porterfield Junior (1827-1903) are buried in New Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery in Knoxville. So, too, may be Richard Porterfield Senior, a Soldier of the Revolution, who had been critically wounded in 1781 at the Battle of Camden.

July 29, 1938

Mr. Frank Burke Porterfield
403 Richelieu Avenue, South
Roanoke, Virginia.

Richard Porterfield
W. 2341
BA-J/AWF *Quinn*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Richard Porterfield, private in the Virginia Line, War of the Revolution, pensioned while a resident of Tennessee.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W. 2341, based upon the service of Richard Porterfield in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of this soldier are not given, nor are the names of his parents shown.

Richard Porterfield enlisted in Albemarle County, Virginia, sometime in March, 1779 and served as a private in Captain Fauntleroy's company, Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Light Dragoons; he was in the battles of Cowpens, Guilford Court House, and Camden (1781), where he was wounded and his horse was killed under him; this wound rendered him unfit for military duty, and he was not again called into service.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 10, 1820, at which time he was a resident of Anderson County, Tennessee, aged about fifty-seven years.

He was living in 1824 in Greene County, Tennessee and referred to his wife who had been dead about three years, and to two sons and two daughters, who were then living in the "Red River Country"; he did not give the

names of wife or children.

The soldier, Richard Porterfield, married in Knox County, Tennessee, Louisa Rose; their marriage band was dated July 13, 1847. He died January 20 or 31, 1852.

The widow, Louisa Rose, was allowed pension on her application executed in Knox County, Tennessee, April 27, 1853; she was then aged about thirty-five years.

She was living in 1866 in the 15th District, Knox County, Tennessee.

The papers in this claim contain no further reference to family.

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator