



Reported to have died on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1828  
See letter to Sec. of War. Sept. 26. 1828.

See letter 5 Oct. 1831 to D. S.

Recd. do to same June 19<sup>th</sup> 1832  
Do. to same Nov. 6. 1833 - do. C. K. Gardner, Aug. 27. 1835  
Letter to Wm. C. Porter, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 37

Kentucky. 17 1777

William Porter, of Caldwell Co<sup>y</sup> in the state of Kentucky, who was a lieutenant in the regiment commanded by Colonel Spotswood of the Virginia line, for the term of three years.

Described on the Roll of Kentucky, at the rate of 20 Dollars per month, to commence on 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 1820.

Certificate of Pension issued the 2<sup>d</sup> of Aug. 1820, and sent to M. Lyon, agent, Eddyville, Kentucky.

Arrears to 4th of Sept. 1820. \$: 87.33.  
Semi-ann. all'co ending 4. March 120.  
Amo<sup>t</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup> 1821. \$: 207.33.  
30.5

{ Revolutionary claim,  
Act 18th March, 1818. }  
and 1<sup>st</sup> May,  
1820.

State of Kentucky Caldwell County Torts

It is remembered that in the record of proceedings of the Caldwell County Court among others are the following torts. At a County Court begun and held for said County on Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> day of April 1820. James William Porter in open Court and made oath to the truth of the statements contained in the following affidavit which is ordered to be recorded and reads as follows. "Personally appeared William Porter of this Neighborhood aged sixty three years who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following statements and declarations in Order to obtain the provision made by the 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." That he the said William Porter in the month of February 1776 enlisted into Capt. Conrad Meads Company in the 2<sup>d</sup> Virginia Regiment on the Continental Establishment then commanded by Col. Alexander Spotswood that he served in said Regiment as a private or non Commissioned officer until May 1777 at which time he was appointed an Ensign in said Company and Regiment, and that some time short time after he was appointed to a second Lieutenantcy in said Company and Regiment in which situation he served until March 1779 at which time his affairs requiring his indispensable attendance at home he resigned his Commission. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth

" and several other skirmishes. That in the latter  
" part of the Year 1779 he joined the Army  
" in the Staff Department as an assistant quarter  
" Master, and War Commissary of Military Stores  
" at South Hampton and other places. That in  
" his resignation he gave up his Commission. That  
" he is in reduced Circumstances and needs the  
" assistance of his Country for support, and that  
" he has no other evidence of his services. And the  
" Court being satisfied that the said William Porter did  
" serve in the Revolutionary War in the Continental  
" Army as a Commissioned officer for more than nine  
" months at one time as stated in his declaration, and  
" also that the said William Porter stands in need  
" of the assistance of his Country for support, do  
" Order the proceedings in this case to be recorded  
" and that a transcript thereof be duly trans-  
" mitted to the War department pursuant to the  
" direction of the before mentioned act of Congress

Wm Porter

State of Kentucky Caldwell County  
I John St Phelps Clerk of the County Court  
of said County do Certify that the foregoing and within  
is a true transcript of the record and proceedings  
had in the application of William Porter together  
with a true copy of his affidavit, as the same  
now remains of record in my Office In Testimony  
Whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix  
the seal of said County this 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 1820 and in the 28<sup>th</sup> year of  
the Commonwealth  
J. St Phelps



State of Kentucky Caldwell Circuit Feb

Third Term 1820

In the record of proceedings in the Circuit Court aforesaid among others are the following to wit

"On motion of William Porter and he producing here in Court his affidavit which being sworn to by him is ordered to be recorded and certified according to law which affidavit here follows to wit " State of Kentucky Caldwell Circuit Court Personally appeared in open Court the Circuit Court for the Caldwell Circuit being a Court of records. William Porter age 46 years resident in this Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law, doth declare that he served in the Revolutionary war in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment agreeably to his former declaration on which he has received no certificate and he solemnly swore that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1778 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it he as to bring himself within the provisions of the 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 1778 and that he has not nor has any person for him in trust any property or securities Contracts or debts due to him other than what is contained in the Schedule annexed and by him subscribed - he declares himself a farmer by occupation and but illly able to labour - that he has a wife a very infirm woman and a son

About 15 years old who can contribute little to the support  
of his father and mother - And the said William  
Porter further declares that his property consists of one  
blind horse worth perhaps \$20. One Common Cow  
and calf \$12. One two year old heifer and yearling  
worth \$5. two small hogs and two pigs 6 dollars 4  
sheats 6 dollars 4 sheep 6 dollars a broken set of  
Turnyons instruments \$20. One wooden clock \$6.  
two old ploughs and gears \$8. two hoes and a mattock  
\$2. a log chain and a set of small harrow teeth  
\$6. an old shot gun \$2. - In all it is the estimation  
of the Court that is not worth more than one hundred  
and fifty dollars

Wm Porter

State of Kentucky Caldwell County Sec

John W. Phelps clerk of the Circuit Court  
aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing within  
the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from  
the records of the said Court, and I do further certify  
that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total  
amount in value of the property exhibited in the  
aforesaid schedule is not more than one hundred  
and fifty dollars.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed the Seal of the  
said Court on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July  
1820 & in the 29<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

J. W. Phelps

4894  
N. Linges  
Nelly Porter, dec'd  
widow of William  
who was an Ensign and Commissary  
of military stores  
in the Revolution

Increased from \$174.20.  
Inscribed on the Roll at the rate  
of \$20 Dollars 00  
Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1843, and  
End 25th August 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
third day of May 1837 and  
sent to

A. H. Markland  
Present

[Acts of March 3, 1843 & June  
17, 18

Recorded in B

14. P. B. receipt, June 12/68  
R. B. S. by memo. June 24 1861  
1852 Dec. Post Master, Hopkinsville Ky  
Patent of Lead to Wm. Porter for 1000 lbs  
to deliver to John Campbell  
1883 Jan 3 (17) Post Master, Hopkinsville Ky  
that no answer had been rec'd to the above  
I request a report soon  
1883 March 25 Postmaster H. of Hopkinsville Ky for  
answer to letter of Dec. 6.

1851 / 1852

State of Kentucky ss: On this fourth day of  
December 1838 personally appeared before the  
undersigned a justice of the Christian county court  
Sally Porter a resident of the county of Christian &  
state aforesaid aged seventy five years, who being  
duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make  
the following declaration, in order to obtain the  
benefit of the provision made by the act of  
Congress passed July 7 - 1838, entitled 'an act  
granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:  
That she is the widow of William Porter, who  
was a commissioned officer in the continental  
army during the revolutionary war, that he  
said William Porter in the month of September  
1776 enlisted in Capt Leeward Meads company in  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment in the continental  
Establishment, then commanded by Col. Alexander  
Spotswood - That he served in said Regiment as  
a private or noncommissioned officer until  
May 1777 at which time he was appointed  
an ensign in said company and regiment and  
that some short time after he was appointed  
to a second lieutenancy in said company and  
Regiment in which situation he served until  
March 1779 at which time his affairs (requiring  
his indispensable <sup>attendance</sup> at home he resigned his  
commission - That he was in the Battle of  
Mommsouth and several skirmishes - ~~That~~ <sup>in</sup>  
the latter part of the year 1779 he joined in  
the army in the Staff department as an  
assistant quarter master and was commissary  
of military stores at Southampton and other  
places - That in his resignation he gave up  
his commission - all of which will more  
fully and at large appear from the statement  
or declaration of said William Porter made  
during his lifetime on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April  
in the year 1820 before the county court  
of Calwell county in order to obtain the  
provision of an act of Congress entitled 'an  
act to provide for certain persons engaged in the  
land & naval Service in the United States  
in the Revolutionary war - That her  
deceased husband the said William Porter,

was a pensioner under the said act of Congress and drew a pension as a commissioned officer under said act from the year 1820 until his death he being a lieutenant -

She further declares that she was married to the said William Porter on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1782 (seventeen hundred and eighty two) and that her husband (the aforesaid William Porter) died on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1828 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1794 (viz) at the time above stated -

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before <sup>Sally Porter</sup> ~~William Porter~~ <sup>mark</sup>  
Mr William Morrow <sup>Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Christian the said applicant</sup> Sally Porter from bodily infirmity being unable to attend in court to make her declaration was this day duly qualified before Mr William Morrow a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Christian and State of Kentucky that the matters and things contained in the foregoing Declaration was true to the best of his knowledge and belief  
Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1805  
William Morrow J.P.

Christian County Ct - This day William C. Porter personally appeared before the county court of Christian County, which is a court of record and made oath that the following is a true copy taken from the family record of William Porter dec'd now in his possession, which is prepared on the record in fair legible figures as follows -  
"Mr Porter married to Sally Johnson the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1782"

The original family record from which the above is taken was here produced before the said court

by William C. Porter in whose possession

the same has been kept and was sworn to  
by him as the law requires -

Said William C. Porter doth further depose  
and say that said marriage took place  
in the state of Virginia as he has been  
informed & believes, that said William J. Sally  
Porter lived together as man & wife in the  
state of Kentucky ~~for~~ <sup>thirty nine</sup> years - that  
the said William Porter died on the  
8<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year  
1828 and that the said Sally Porter was  
never afterwards married.

The words thirty nine  
interlined before signed

William C. Porter

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
County of Christian, to wit

At a County Court continued and held for  
Christian County at the Court house on Tuesday  
December 2<sup>th</sup> 1838

Present - Daniel S. Hays  
Wm. Maxwell  
S. D. B. Stewart  
Matthew Wilson Justices

In the case of Sally Porter as widow of William  
Porter of this County a deceased pensioner for  
a pension as his widow under the act of  
Congress passed July 7-1838 entitled An act  
granting half pay & pensions to certain  
widows - This day the declaration of  
said widow as sworn to before William  
Morrow a justice of this County was pro-  
duced in Court and William C. Porter came  
& in open Court was sworn to the affidavit  
thereon written which was subscribed with  
his name here in Court, and ordered to be  
certified under the seal of this Court &c

I Abraham Stiles the Clerk of said County  
Court do hereby certify that the foregoing pro-  
ceedings of said Court are truly copied from the  
records in my office - I do further certify that  
said Court is a Court of records - and also that

State of Illinois }  
Waukegan County } ss.

Be it known that satisfactory  
evidence has been exhibited to the County Court  
of said County, sitting as a Court of Probate, that  
Sally Porter Widow of William Porter Deceased was  
a Person of the United States at the date of our  
hundred and Seventy one Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$171.20)  
In sum, that she resided in Christian County and  
State of Kentucky and died in said County of Christian  
and State of Kentucky on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August A.D.  
one thousand Eight hundred and forty three, and left  
at her death the following named children only  
to wit, William G. Porter Sally M. Lin Elizabeth G.  
Campbell and Horatio P. Porter, the latter two of  
whom have since died leaving William G. Porter  
and Sally M. Lin the only surviving children of the  
said Sally Porter Deceased.

and I hereby further certify that from  
the high character of the evidence adduced to said  
Court, I have no doubt but all the facts herein set  
forth are true and faithful.

Given under my hand at Hawfield this 27<sup>th</sup>  
June A.D. 1856.

D. Lawrence County W. Va.

State of Illinois }  
Wayne County } 21

Be it known that on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June A.D. 1856. Personally appeared before me the undersigned County Judge in and for said County Rigdon Pollock and made oath in plain form of law, that he is the administrator of Sally Porter deceased who was a Person of the United States at the date of 17<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> January and to whose certificate of Person was issued and which cannot be found but suppose it has been returned to Washington City. Said administrator declares that he is under Bond in the sum of \$2000 for the faithful performance of his duty as administrator upon said and that he makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining any Back Pay that may be due from the United States to the Heirs of the said Sally Porter but under any of the acts of Congress.

R. D. Pollock Adm<sup>r</sup>

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June A.D. 1856

D. S. M. J. W. G. S.

State of Illinois }  
Wayne County } 22

I John Frousdale Clerk of the County Court in and for said County do hereby certify that said Henry whose name appears to the foregoing certificate and affidavit is and was at the time of signing the same the Presiding Judge of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid duly sworn in and sworn and that his signature thereto is genuine

Made up my hand and seal of said Court  
at Fairfield this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1856

John Frousdale Co. Clerk

Pension Office

December 6. 1882

This certifies that the subjoined copy of an original Patent for One thousand acres of Land in favor of William Porter, who served in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment, and signed by John Adams, President of the United States, is a true and correct copy of the same.

The original Patent has this day been sent by mail to the Post Master at Hopkinsville, Ky. to be delivered to John W. Campbell, taking his receipt therefor which is to be transmitted to this Office.

The said Patent was filed in the application of Sally Porter widow of William Porter for a pension under the act of July 7. 1838 which was allowed - see file No 24.909 -

The Patent is dated Feb 8. 1799 -

Wm. H. West  
Chief of old war & Bounty Land  
Division

December 12, 1933

BA-J/EEL  
William Porter-W.24909

Doctor W.E. Carter  
11 Euhman Court  
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the pension record of William Porter, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.24909, based upon the military service in that war of William Porter.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of William Porter are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

He enlisted, place not stated, in February, 1776, served as a private and non-commissioned officer in Captain Everard Meade's Company, Colonel Alexander Spotswood's 2<sup>d</sup> Virginia Regiment, until May, 1777, when he was appointed ensign and shortly thereafter second lieutenant in the same company and regiment and served until March, 1779, when he resigned his commission. He was in the battle of Monmouth and in several skirmishes. Late in the year 1779, he again joined the army and served as assistant quartermaster and commissary, dates of this service and names of officers not given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 24, 1820, at which time he was aged sixty-three years and resided in Caldwell County, Kentucky. He afterward lived in Christian County, Kentucky, and in the fall of 1827, moved to the state of Illinois.

He died January 8, 1828. Letters of administration on his estate were issued in White County, Illinois.

The soldier married Jun 20, 1782, in Virginia, Sally Johnson, who was born November 10, 1763. She died August 25, 1843, in Christian County, Kentucky.

The following children of William and Sally Porter survived their mother: William C. Porter, in 1856, a resident of Christian County, Kentucky; Sally Mofin; Elizabeth D. Campbell, who died December 17, 1854; and Horatio P. Porter, who died October 5, 1854.

A grandson, John J. McLin, lived in Princeton, Kentucky, in 1866, and John W. Campbell, son of Elizabeth D. Campbell, lived in Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky, in 1879. One Benjamin P. Campbell was named as a legatee of William Porter.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator.