

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry and John Oler (Oler) VAS329

vsl 16VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Lincoln County Sct.

This is to certify that John Oler personally appeared before me David Shank one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that Henry Oler did volunteer in the County of Rockingham in the state of Virginia in the year 1774 [last digit unclear]¹ & served the tour of six months which he volunteered for under General Thomas Lewis [perhaps a mistaken reference to Col. Andrew Lewis] under the command of Captain William Nall [William Nalle] on an expedition against the Indians in said year & was with him the said Henry Oler near the battle of the point² in said time. He further states that he volunteered sometime in June & was fairly discharged sometime in December in said year 1774 [again, the last digit is unclear]. Given under my hand this 11th day of April 1833

S/ D. Shank, JP

The State of Ohio Preble County: SS

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Preble aforesaid came personally Henry Oler who being of lawful age and being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith that John Oler did volunteer in the County of Rockingham in the State of Virginia in the year 1774 and served a tour of six months which he volunteered for under General Thomas Lewis under the command of Captain William Nall on an expedition against the Indians in said year and was with him the said John Oler near the Battle of the Point [Battle of Pleasant Point, October 10, 1784] in said time. And further this deponent says that the said John Oler during the tour aforesaid acted as Sergeant in said company he further says that he volunteered sometime in June and was duly discharged sometime in the month of December of said year of 1774 and further he states that the said John Oler served the said Tour in Company with this Deponent and that they each found their own Guns during the time of aforesaid and further says not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of August 1823

S/ Isaac Stephens, JP

S/ Henry Oler, X his mark

The State of Ohio Montgomery County: SS

¹ - 177A.

² October 10, 1774

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid William Huffman who being duly sworn deposed and saith that Henry Olar & John Olar lived in and did volunteer in Rockingham County in the State of Virginia in the year 1774 to serve a tour of 6 months which they volunteered for under General Thomas Lewis under the command of Captain William Nall on an expedition against the Indians in said year and believes they were in the battle of Point-pleasant and said time and that said John Olar was a Sergeant in said company and that the said Henry and John were fairly discharged from said Service after the expiration of said term. Deponent further says that he knows that said Henry & John suffered a great deal in said service. And this deponent recollects perfectly well that persons who enlisted in the service at that time and in the Company mentioned were promised land & money from Government – and this deponent saith that he knows of individuals in the same Company receiving their lands – and that said Henry & John each found a good rifle for which government was to pay them for.

Sworn & subscribed before me the 29th day of September 1826

S/ Jos. H. Conover, JP

S/ William Huffman, H his mark