

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Olphin VAS338

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

City of Richmond to wit

This day William Gentry¹ of King William County and State of Virginia appeared before me and Alderman for the City aforesaid & having been first duly sworn by me on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposes and saith. That he is now nearly seventy-five years of age. That he was a Soulder [Soldier] in the Revolutionary War & served under the command of Colonel Charles Harrison & Edward Carrington & was in the Artillery at the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] and other service. That he was well acquainted with Thomas Olphin now dead formerly of Hanover County & recollects that he was a Soldier in the same Regiment of artillery in which this Affiant served, that he knew said Olphin before he went into service & though he does not know when he enlisted yet he distinctly recollects that he found said Olphin in service when he joined the Regiment & knows he served as a private. Thinks that he served fully three years. This affiant served within one month of three years himself & found said Olphin in service when he went in. Given from under my hand this 9th of September 1831

S/ Nath'l Charles

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