

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Orson Floyd R3620

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State of South Carolina Marion District: Common Pleas Fall 1836

On this the 15th day of November in the year of our Lord 1836, before me Richard Gant one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the Said State and the Presiding Judge of the said Court, personally appeared Orson Floyd aged eighty-one years who on oath made the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was born in Hartford County [Hertford County] North Carolina on the 10th day of June 1755 as his parents informed him -- does not know that there was ever any Record of his age, that he entered the service in 1779 as a drafted militia-man under Captain Martin Caswell for three months in Kingstown [Kinston] on Neuse River North Carolina he was stationed [there] during the whole time. Shortly after the expiration of this term of his service, he was drafted again and served at the same place and in the same capacity three other months under the same Officer. In the year 1780 [could be 1781] he served again three other months in the same capacity and at the same place under Captain Daniel Waties and in the same year three other months in the same manner under Captain Samuel Caswell. There were other companies stationed there & the deponent knows not the object of it unless it was for the protection of the Governor who lived in Kinston. In the latter part of the year 1780 he enlisted under Captain Thomas Evans in the Continental Service [sic, North Carolina State Troops] for the remainder of the war and was stationed at Kinston for two years and three months. He was not engaged in any Battle but had some skirmishes with the Tories. He received discharges at the expiration of each term of his Service but does not now know where they are -- supposes they are lost. As soon as the Act of 1832 came to his knowledge, he employed an attorney to prepare his Declaration, but the papers were not sent on. He attended at the last Term of this Court to prepare his papers but the Court adjourning on the Second day he came too late to have been prepared. He hereby releases all claim to any pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in Open Court November 15, 1836

S/ Richard Gantt, presiding judge

S/ Orson Floyd, O his mark

[Moses Smith, a clergyman, and William H. Grice gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina
Secretary of State's Office

7th Decr. 1836

Sir

I have carefully searched for, but do not find the name of Orson Floyd on any of the muster rolls of the line of this State in the revolutionary war, or any other document in this office.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

S/ W. Hill

James L. Edwards, Esqr, Commissioner of Pensions