

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Ogle R7778

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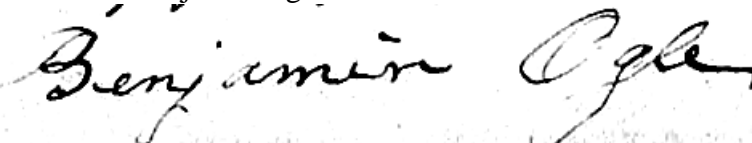
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State of Illinois County of St. Clair: SS

On this 24th day of February 1840 personally appeared in open court, before the court of the Circuit court now sitting at Belleville for the County of St. Clair and State of Illinois Benjamin Ogle a resident of said County of St. Clair & State of Illinois aged 7? [last digit overwritten and illegible] who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States on the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he entered the service (at a place called the "Court house Fort" in Ohio County in the State of Virginia) in the year 1781 in the latter part of said year as a militia man in a company commanded by Captain Joseph Ogle and Lieutenant John Biggs, which company was in a Regiment or Battalion commanded by Colonel Silas Hedge during this year the Fort was attacked and some of the company killed, he further states that he performed duty regularly as a militia man mounting guard and scouting with the other troops until the close of the war that during the year 1782 a part of the company with Lieutenant John beaks went on an expedition under Colonel Crawford [William Crawford] against the Indians where Biggs was killed. This declarant states that owing to his youth he was retained in the Fort where he done all the duty that failed to the part of any private of the company having been accustomed to arms at a very early age. That he has no written discharge or documentary evidence and that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Benjamin Ogle



[James Pulliam, a clergyman, and Joseph Lemen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois St. Clair County SS: This 22nd day of February 1840 personally appeared in open Court, the Court then Judicially sitting in and for the County of St. Clair & State of Illinois it being the Circuit Court of said County Benjamin Ogle who being duly sworn made the following answers to the following interrogatories

First Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Frederick State of Maryland in the year 1769 –

Second Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it –

Answer – I have seen the record of my age in some book of my Father, in the State of Virginia, it is 30 years since I have seen the record – and it is now lost –

Third Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war. And where do you now live?

Ans. When called into service which was in the year 1781 when I was but 12 years of age I lived in Ohio County State of Virginia. – In the state of Virginia and the State of Illinois – I lived with my children some part of the time in the County of St. Clair aforesaid and some part in the Territory of Illinois

Fourth. How were you called into service Were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if a Substitute for whom?

Ans. Answer I volunteered on my own account

Fifth. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service –

Answer I entered the service in a company of militia commanded by Captain Joseph Ogle & Lieutenant John Biggs of Virginia – I recollect Colonel Silas Hedge whether he was a Continental or militia officer I cannot say; he was over the others – I do not recollect the number of any Regiment either Continental or militia – My service commenced at a place on the Ohio River above Wheeling called the "Court house Fort" since called West Liberty – I remained in service during the war – I removed in May 1785 to the Illinois and in 1788, in the Illinois I received a wound from a ball which penetrated my shoulder and lodged beneath the shoulder blade where it now remains.

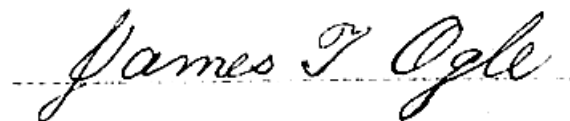
Sixth Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans. I have no knowledge of receiving a discharge other than being disbanded with the militia at the close of the war.

7th State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood; and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Ans. – Joseph Lemen and James Pulliam clergyman – live in my neighborhood and all well acquainted with me and can testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a Soldier in the Revolution –

[f p. 8: On February 8, 1853 in St. Clair County Illinois, James T Ogle of Belleville filed a power of attorney in which he states he is one of the heirs of Benjamin Ogle.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James T Ogle". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

grandson of the veteran.]

James T Ogle is identified in a later documents as the