

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Isaac Oldham R7785

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State of Virginia County of Brunswick


On this 23rd day of July 1832 Isaac Oldham personally appeared before the Court of said County, he being a resident of the said County of Brunswick and State of Virginia aged seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

that he enlisted in the Regiment called the State garrison Regiment raised to guard the seat of Government of Virginia [then in Williamsburg] in the year 1778 June 25th with a lieutenant John Prosser [R8500] who not being able to make out his quota of men he was attached to the company of James Upshar [possibly James Upshaw R18622] Capt. The regiment whose number he does not recollect, was commanded at first by Col. Mobile [sic: Nicholas George Moëballé] & then [after 14 Aug 1779] by Col. Charles Porterfield [BLWt1145-450]. he served three years & quitted the service in the year 1781, 25 June of that year During his service he served under several Captains viz. Upshar Thos. Hely [possibly Thomas Ely] Opie Davenport [VAS3274] John Vaughn [sic: John Vaughan R18674] & Thos. Ewell [Thomas Winder Ewell BLWt2497-300]. At the time of his enlistment he was a resident & citizen of the County of Northumberland and State of Virginia. He was in a battle at Lynch's Creek South Carolina & the battle of Campden [sic: Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. He was discharged at Staunton Augusta County Virginia in June 1781. He then joined a malitia company from Richmond cty. Va. as a volunteer & marched to Yorktown Va. and remained during the Siege of that place [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. He states further that he volunteered to march to the South under Col. Porterfield who was of the Continental line & who promised the Volunteers that they also should be put on the continental establishment. Col. Porterfield was killed at the battle of Campden and the command of the Regiment then devolved on Major Thos. Drew [Thomas H. Drew R13852]. That the Regiment was very much scattered at Campden, that he went from Campden as a stragler to Charlotte town N. Carolina, & from there to Hillsborough N. Carolina, where Drew took command and marched them to Richmond Va. From Richmond he marched under Leut. Churchill Gibbs [S46002] to Charlottesvill [sic: Charlottesville] Va. with charge of some prisoners. When intelgence was received of the approach of Tarleton to Charlottesvill [4 Jun 1781] Gibbs took refuge in the Ragged mountains [in Albemarle County] & then marched to Staunton where the Declarant was discharged. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year afores'd. Isaac hisXmark Oldham

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

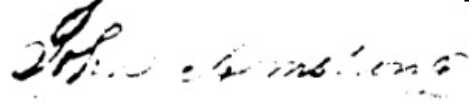
I Ephraim Beazley [S6597] of the County of Essex, & state of Virginia, do hereby certify that Isaac Oldham served for three years in the Revolutionary War, in the state Garrison, under the command of Charles Porterfield Colonel & tho the best of my knowledge the 2nd Regiment Given under my hand this 18th day of June 1832.



I do hereby certify that Isaac Oldham of the County of Brunswick & sate of Virginia enlisted during the war of the Revolution some time in the year 177[?] in Captain Opie Davenport to [several illegible words] commanded by Colonel Charles Porterfield then stationed at Petersburg [several undeciphered words] during the term of three years [several undeciphered words] he marched to the south [several illegible

words] & attached to the same company [several illegible words] Given under my hand this 20th day of June 1832

John Armstrong [S6529]

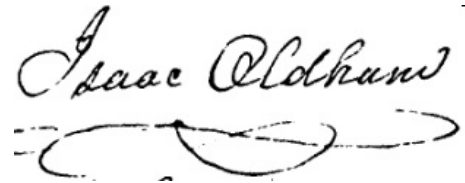


This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the sixteenth day of March 1785, in the name of Isaac Oldham as a Soldier of Infantry for £56.11.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Kismer and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this fourteenth day of November 1832.
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

Sir Inclosed you have the Testimony required to enable me to get my land as a revolutionary Soldier, should any farther proof be necessary, be so good as to let me know by Mail in a letter directed to me at Laurenceville or the Clerk of Brunswick County Court.

yrs with respect
Isaac Oldham
19th Nov'r 1832



1833 June 28 The Regt was raised after May '78 (when the law passed 9 vol Stat. at Large p 451) and was disbanded anterior to April '81 (Army lists of '82) Service in it was therefore less than 3 years.
[illegible initials]

NOTES:

On 22 July 1840 Winifred Oldham, 88, applied for a pension stating that she married Isaac Oldham on 29 Dec 1786, and he died 3 Oct 1838. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 29 Dec 1786 by Isaac Oldham and Charles Tarpley for the marriage of Oldham to Winifred Tarpley. Also in the file is a memorandum stating that the claim of Winifred Oldham had been rejected because she was not a widow on the date of the pension act under which she applied: 7 July 1838. The memorandum also states that she died on 9 Dec 1841, and that the only heirs were two grandsons.

The file also contains an apparently unrelated document referring to a Joseph Yarbrough [probably Joseph Yarborough] said to have been in the Virginia Continental service and died in 1828, leaving a widow who died in 1850. The document states that proof of Yarborough's service was by Philip Snead (pension application S38392), who said that he enlisted in the company of Capt. John Jones in Dinwiddie County in Feb 1776.

Oldham's application for bounty land appears to have been incorrectly rejected. According to the federal application, he served he continued to serve for at least the minimum of three years after the State Garrison Regiment was disbanded.