

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Oliver R7793

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State of Tennessee Washington County: July Term the Circuit Court of Washington County

Be it remembered that on this 14th day of July 1836 before the Honorable the Circuit Court of Law & E [Equity?] for the County & the State aforesaid personally appeared Samuel Oliver, aged seventy-five years, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, and being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 the following declaration, to wit that he served in the Revolutionary war, under the following named officers, to wit, that he was born in the State of Maryland at a place called Elk Ridge in the month of March 1761 as stated to him by his parents, but of which he has no record, that his father resided in Maryland until declarant was about fourteen years of age, and then removed to Fauquier County Virginia where he remained until the period of his being drafted as a militia man of the Virginia troops, which was in the year 1781, when Cornwallis was on his march from the South to Virginia when in the spring of the year 1781, he was drafted in Fauquier County Virginia, he was drafted for a six months Tour of duty placed under Captain John James of the Virginia Militia, rendezvoused, at the Court was put under Major James Wright & marched to Yorktown there was commanded by General Washington but during the march of Cornwallis through Virginia, the Army to which declarant was attached to the Army under command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & served until the attack & siege of York Town, & when Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], declarant was detailed to guard the prisoners to Albemarle & was as guard there two months which caused his time of service to have run out more than two months. He states that he entered under the draft for six months, in the month of March preceding the surrender & served for more than two months after the surrender which surrender he thinks was in October 1781 & caused him to serve eight months, though the only was drafted for six, That he was discharged, by his Captain by order of the commanding officer, but in the lapse of time he has lost the same & has no record evidence of service. That he has no record evidence of his age nor is there any of his coinpeers [?] or fellow soldiers known to him, nor can he after diligent search discover any one of his fellow now living at this late period but that George G. King and Thomas Kean all persons known to him & he did them & by whom he can establish reputation of his service in the Revolutionary war, that he would have applied for a pension at an earlier day but that he is aged, illiterate & resides distant from the sources of legal information that there is no minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the reputation of his service, Declarant further states that he has no record evidence of his age & being himself illiterate he can only state his age from family tradition but which he believes to be altogether for a pension nor is his name on the list of any agency of the United States, He hereby relinquishes all & every claim whatever to a pension except the present & praise the same may be allowed him.

S/ Samuel Oliver, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed to in open Court 14th of July 1836

Test S/ John Ryland, Clerk

[George G King & Thomas King gave the standard supporting affidavit.]