

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Ooley R7808

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State of Illinois White County

On this 9th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William Wilson Judge of the White Circuit Court being a court of record now sitting David Ooley aged 73 years a resident of the County of Wayne and State of Illinois 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 in the militia under the following named officers and served as herein stated Captain Alexander Haneley [? probably Capt. Alexander Handley of the Botetourt County VA militia] Lieutenant John Enswinger¹ that he was a volunteer & marched from home in the month of December of what year he cannot now called mine. That when he arrived at the Eutaw Springs they had an engagement with the enemy [September 8, 1781] – in which they were defeated. That Captain Haneley was killed in a little skirmish a few days before the battle. That he served three months and was discharged received a discharge from his Lieutenant. That Edward McAllister served with him during this tour and is now living out from bodily infirmity unable to appear [in] court.

That under Captain Matthew Wilson in the month of September 1781 he volunteered and was engaged in collecting cattle for the main Army under General Washington. That the company to which he belonged having collected a large number drove them to someplace below Richmond & that when arrived there Cornwallis had surrendered. The cattle were delivered to some other persons and the three months having expired he was discharged by his Captain and returned home. That he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person except Edward McAllister who has a knowledge of his services during his first tour – that can testify to his service.

That he was born [in] Staunton County Virginia on the 16 of September 1758. That he has no record of his age. That he resided in Bottatot [Botetourt] County Virginia when called into service & remained there 6 days after his last discharge. He then removed to Madison County Kentucky resided there 8 or 9 years, then he removed [to] Barren County same State resided there 16 [could be 11 or 10] years, then he removed to Gallatin County Illinois, that the County was afterwards divided and the part in which he resides called White. That he resided in the two 11 years, that he then removed to Wayne County where he has since resided – That he was a volunteer. That he has no recollection of any of the regular officers with whom he served – That he received a discharge on his first tour signed by John Enswingen & on his 2nd one signed by Matthew Wilson, that he lost them both many years since.

¹ Perhaps a mistaken attempt to name Lt. Col. John Niscwanger

That Benjamin G. Wells – Hugh Skewmaker all persons residing in my present neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jas Ratcliff, Clk

[Benjamin G Wells and Hugh Shoemaker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]