

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Uriah Odam (Odham) R7810

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina Onslow County: SS

On this 7th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Onslow North Carolina now sitting Uriah Odham, a resident of Onslow County North Carolina aged 74 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This applicant enlisted in Nansemond County Virginia in 1776 under the command of Willis Riddick Captain & repaired to Norfolk. We went up the Bay in a shallop to the head of Elk River & thence marched to Philadelphia where this applicant together with his Company was inoculated. We marched thence to White Plains & joined General Washington. There we had a battle with the Hessians at a place called Reddington. We marched back to Philadelphia & were in the fight at Brandywine Creek [September 11, 1777]. We fought from daylight to dark & left the field of battle ground with the enemy. We came off in perfect order. Many were claim [claimed?] on each side. This applicant was in the battle at the Schuylkill under the command of General Washington. My time being out, I enlisted under Pulaski as a Dragoon – he commanded the Light horse. We marched to the South to join General Lincoln which we did at a place called black Swamp in South Carolina. We thence marched to Savannah & with the assistance of Admiral d'Estaing of the French fleet attempted to take the city by storm, but were defeated with considerable slaughter. Pulaski, in his attempt to gain the rear of the enemy's batteries was mortally wounded, by a musket ball & this applicant saw him fall from his horse, & in the same charge received a saber cut upon the head, which covered him with gore, & the Dragoon by whose hand my blow was given, received almost in the same moment a deathblow from my own Lieutenant Bird Duprey – After our discomfiture, we returned to the North & joined Colonel William Washington & came to the South again under his command & were attached to General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Command. We were at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in South Carolina, & gave the enemy a severe drubbing, taking 700 prisoners. We were after this at the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] in this State. At the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in South Carolina this applicant was wounded in the hip, his horse being shot from under him. Colonel Washington was wounded & taken. After this battle, this applicant was discharged, not being fit from his wound for the service. The discharge he produces. He has no written evidence of his statement except the discharge which he produces. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

S/ Uriah Odham

Uriah Odham

[Luke Huggins, William Montfort & David W Sanders gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
Interrogatories

1. Where & in what year were you born?

Ans. In Nansemond County in Virginia in the year 1758 –

2. Have you any record of your age & where is it.

Ans. It is in this County somewhere not known

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the War & where do you now live

Ans. – In Virginia, Nansemond County, since the war I have lived in Gates County in this State & lives now & have lived for 31 years in Onslow County

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute & for whom?

Ans. I enlisted in the regular Army, served 2 years & a half in the foot & one year & 11 months in the horse –

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such regiments as you recollect & the general character of your service.

Ans. I recollect General Washington, Alex Hamilton, Pulaski, Colonel Washington & Peyton, done witty & John Lawton

6 – Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it.

Ans. Yes – I received two discharges which are here with sent – one from John Lawton dated December 2, 1781 for one year & eleven months in the first Virginia Regiment of horse the second is from Captain Willis Reddick for two years & six months service in the first Virginia Regiment November 28, 1778 – both of which discharges are here with appended.

7. State the names of some of the persons in your neighborhood to whom you are at present known who can speak of your character for veracity & belief in your services as a soldier –

Ans. Lieut. Edward Ward, Starkie Jones, Hez Williams, Squire Sleen Senr.

S/ Uriah Odham

This is to Certify, that Uriah Odham has [document damaged and illegible] Continental service two years and six [document damaged and illegible as private Soldier [document damaged and illegible] first Regiment of Virginia November the 8th 1778.

S/ Willis Reddick Capt.



[Note in file reads: "Discharge has been forged."]

[Note: another piece of paper which I think was the other discharge is completely illegible as

posted.[

The State of North Carolina New Hanover County: SS

On this 28th day of May 1834 Personally appeared before me John Bunting a Justice of the peace in and for said County Uriah Odam a Resident late of Duplin County but now a Resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged about seventy-six 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 Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 as a volunteer Private foot Soldier under the command of Captain E. Knott Lieutenant William Graves and Ensign J Wallace Colonel Willis Reddick Commander, and served three months in Norfolk County, State of Virginia. In 1777 he again volunteered under the same officers and served three months a private in the foot Soldiers, thence he moved to North Carolina Hertford County and in 1778 he was drafted for five months after crossing the line of this State to go to the assistance of Georgia under the command of Captain James Harriss – Lieutenant Jesse Benton and in some James Arline on the 10th of December 1778 they crossed the line dividing North and South Carolina and joined headquarters the 19 at Ninety Six and was taken under the command of General Ashe [John Ashe] and John Pew-Williams Colonel who commanded the Regiment he belonged to. They broke up camp and marched into Georgia and encamped on Bryars Creek [Brier Creek] and on the 3 or 4 of March 1779 they had a battle with General Prevost the British Commander and the Army under his Command; when he was wounded in the right arm with a Ball and head with a Broad Sword and was taken prisoner, and sent to Saint Augustine where he remained prisoner for 13 months, and then ran away by the Sentries the version, who procured an Indian to pilot them two, through the Floridays [Florida] when they left him, he then made his way through Georgia into South Carolina where he met Captain James and volunteered and served 5 months, when he was taken sick and returned home to Hertford North Carolina while he was with Captain James General Morrison [sic, probably mistaken reference to Francis Marion] and Colonel Horry, and ten men joined them and he was with them when they surprised Colonel Tines [Samuel Tynes] the Tory Commander at linches Creek [Lynches Creek] in the night; after the recovery of his health he went to Edenton North Carolina in 1782 and joined as a private of Marines on board of an American armed vessel called "the Saucy Jack"¹ mounting 20 guns (John Cooper commander). In 1783 they crossed the Bar of Ocracock [Ocracoke] and took two British prizes sent them into buford harbor [Buford Harbor] June 1783 they met with an English ship of war named the *Sir Peter Parker* gave battle to her and in 45 minutes the *Saucy Jack* had to surrender, when he was sent as a prisoner of war to Charleston South Carolina and was Until peace was declared between the King of Great Britain and America and that he knows of no living witness to identify the above facts stated.

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 or agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Uriah Odam

¹ *Saucy Jack*. VANavy:170, NR:454-455, LCP:236/237, VA LM ship with 22 guns, 140 men, Capt John Cooper, Jan 1782 and June 1782. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20S.html>

Uriah Odam

[William Armstrong, a clergyman, and William H Vann gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this 2nd day of January 1835 personally appeared before me John Bunting a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Uriah Odam a resident of the County and State above written aged about 76 or 77 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he entered into the United States Army as a volunteer foot Soldier in 1776 and served 3 months under the command of Captain E. Knott, Lieutenant William Graves and Ensign J Wallace, Colonel Willis Redick commander; and served the said 3 months at a place called Crainy Island on the waters that [indecipherable word] from the Saint James River to Norfolk in Norfolk County, State of Virginia, where then he Resided and was born and raised. In 1777 he again volunteered and served three months under the first named officers in the said County of Norfolk and state of Virginia at a place called the Oald Win Mill point on the same watercourse as above but near the town of Norfolk.

He then moved from Norfolk Virginia with his father and Family into North Carolina Hertford County and in 1778 was drafted for 5 months to go to the assistance of Georgia this was about the first of November, the soldiers met at a place called Winton in said County and was taken under the command of James Harriss Captain, Jesse Benton Lieutenant, James Arline Ensign they were then marched to Kingston [Kinston] where the Governor of the State then resided. From him we were ordered to Ninety Six to join General Ashe, we were marched through Fayetteville then called X Creek [Cross Creek] on the 10th of December we crossed the line dividing this State and South Carolina and on the 19th joined Head Quarters at Ninety Six and was taken under the command of General Ashe a Militia General and John Pew Williams [John Pugh Williams] a Continental Colonel who commanded the Company I belonged to Colonel Eaton was also in camp he commanded the Halifax Regiment and Richard Caswell commanded the Kingston Regiment these were the commanders I was personally acquainted with. Broke up At Ninety Six and marched into Georgia and encamped on Bryars Creek on 3 or 4 of March 1779 had an engagement with the English under the command of General Prevost when I was wounded in my right arm with a Ball and in the head with a Broad Sword taken prisoner and sent to Saint Augustine where I remained 13 months, then made my escape by running away which I effected by the divergent of the Century who Guard over me. I then made my way back to South Carolina, met with Captain James, Volunteered under him and served 5 months this was in the neighborhood of Georgetown, while with Captain James Colonel Horry and General Marrion joined him with 10 men I was also with them when they surprised the Tories at Linches Creek, with their commander Colonel Tins after serving 5 months as above stated I was taken sick out a discharge and returned back to Hertford County North Carolina. After the recovery of my health I went to Edenton 1782 December 20th and entered as a private of Marines aboard an American armed Vessel called by the name the Saucy Jack mounting 20 guns (John Cooper commander) in 1783 crossed the bar of Ocracoke took 2 British prizes sent them into buford Harbour in June 1783 then met with a British ship of war called the Serve Peter Parker gave her Battle but in 45 minutes had to surrender to her when we were all sent to Charlestown as prisoners of war where we remained until peace was declared between the

United States and Great Britain his services is as follows:

3 months first Norfolk Virginia 1776

3 do do do 1777

4 do from Hertford North Carolina till taken 1778-79

5 do in South Carolina under Captain James Colonel Horry & Marion 1781

5=25 days in the armed Vessel in 1782 & 1783

he thinks he can prove some of his Services as above stated by Zachariah Jacobs one of the Revolutionary Soldiers who receives a pension from the war Department, and he do hereby Relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll or agency of any State: that his present place of abode is in New Hanover County but previous hereto he has lived in different Counties wherever he could get employment as a teacher of a School for wrighting [writing], Reading and Archhmatick [arithmetic]

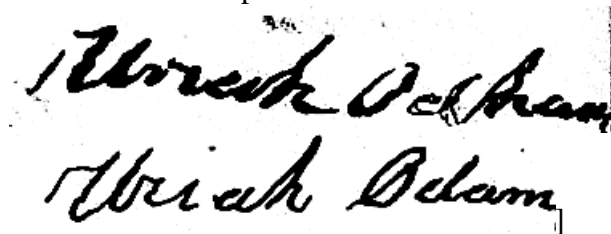
Sworn to before me and subscribed before me the day and year above written

S Uriah Odam

I Zachariah Jacobs,² planter in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Uriah Odam who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration he is I believe about 76 or 7 years Oald and I know him to have been a Revolution Soldier as I was acquainted with him and served in the Army with him at Ninety Six and at Bryars Creek, until the Battle then after the battle I knew not what had become of him for many years after the War. I do believe he served as stated in his declaration. Sworn and subscribed to before made this 2nd day of January 1835

S/ Zachariah Jacobs, X his mark

[Note: Nothing in this file sheds any light on the remarkable differences between the applications filed by this veteran. One would almost believe that the two claimants, one signing his name Uriah Odham and the other UriahOdam, were two entirely different individuals but there is no discussion of that potential issue in the file documents.



² [Zachariah Jacobs W5304](#)