

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Orr R7813

fn27NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

10/25/10

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. 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. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

State of Georgia County of Pike: SS

On this the 4th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of Pike County State of Georgia now sitting Daniel Orr, a resident of Pike County and State of Georgia, 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 act of Congress passed June seven, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. In the month of November 1778, in Wake County North Carolina, was drafted for a Term of five months, and went into the service of the United States, as a drafted militia [man] sometime in the month of November 1778 under Captain Woodson Daniel, and was mustered into the service, in Wake County, North Carolina, and at or about the last of November 1778, I hired William Wimper [could be William Wimpee] to go and serve out the remaining part of my Tour of duty as a substitute for me, and the said William Wimper did go and was received by Captain Woodson Daniel, as my Substitute and the said William Wimper did serve out the remaining Time of my Tour of five months to the best of my recollection; does not know of his own knowledge, what Colonel or Regiment Captain Woodson Daniel, joined; does now recollect however, that William Wimper his Substitute, often told him after he served his Tour of duty, that he was in General Lincolns Army. In the month of August 1781, volunteered as a Light Horsemen in Wake County North Carolina, for a Term of three months, under Captain Matthew Cullers [sic, Matthew McCullers¹], and under Captain Matthew Cullers, marched from Wake County North Carolina, into Chatham County North Carolina, after the Tories – from Chatham County, marched into Orange County North Carolina from there to Lindley's Mill,² where we fought the Tories, who were commanded by Hector McNeill, and a Colonel Fannon [sic, David Fanning], and before we marched to Lindley's Mill, we joined General Butler [John Butler], who commanded us in chief, and one Colonel Robert Mabin [sic, Robert Mebane] was our Colonel, – does not recollect now the day of this Battle with Tories, but does recollect it was a day or two after the Tories had taken about hundred continentals, and Governor Martin³, at Hillsboro North Carolina. From this place we followed on after the Tories,

¹ [Matthew McCullers W7415](#)

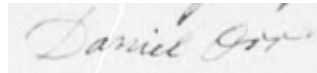
² September 13, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>

³ sic, Thomas Burke was the Governor of North Carolina who was captured at the time David Fanning invaded

to a place called the Brown Marsh in ~~Rockingham~~ and from the Brown Marsh, to a place called the White Marsh; at the White Marsh we were stationed a short time, when our Term of service expired & where we were disbanded, but received no discharge in writing – after we joined General Butler we were about 300 strong all horsemen, the names of the captains of the Horse Companies to the best of his recollection were Matthew Cullers, Lewis Bledsaw [sic, Lewis Bledsoe], Captain McFarland, Captain Gwinn, Captain Hadley, during both Terms of service as specified above this claimant resided in Wake County North Carolina. Since he left Wake County North Carolina in the year 1784, he has resided in Elbert County Georgia, and now resides in Pike County Georgia. He has no documentary evidence where with to sustain his claim; and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure, at this period of time, to prove his service as aforesaid; – and this applicant 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Daniel Orr



1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In wake County North Carolina in the year 1761.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In wake County North Carolina, I have lived in Georgia since the year 1784 and now resides in Pike County Georgia.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. My first Tour of duty was by a draft, my second Tour of duty as volunteer:

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. General Butler, Colonel Robert Mebane, Captain Matthew Cullers, Lewis Bledsoe, Captain, Captain McFarland, Captain Gwinn, Captain Hadley

6th 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 never received a discharge.

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

Ans. Egbert P Daniel, and Spencer Stamper a clergyman residing in the vicinity of my residence.

[Egbert P Daniel, and Spencer Stamper, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 27]

State of Georgia County of Pike: Personally appeared before me Jesse B Reeves one of the

Judges of the Inferior Court of Pike County, Daniel Orr and after being duly sworn according to law, depose and saith, that the two months Tour of duty, which he served as Horsemen in Captain Matthew Cullers Horse Company in Wake County North Carolina, and which service is more particularly described and delineated in his declaration now on file in the War Department, was in lieu of a three months Tour of duty, in the following manner. Captain Matthew Cullers, proposed to all those persons, who thought it proper, that if they would find a Horse and Gun of their own, and go into service for two months that the same should and would be allowed in lieu of a three months Tour of duty on foot, and this declarant did, serve the said two months Tour on Horse, as described in Declaration, now on file, with the express understanding at the time, he joined it, that he was to receive all the emoluments of a three months Tour on foot, in consequence of finding his own Horse & Gun; and which explanation and amendment this declarant now makes, to the original Declaration, to enable him to receive a pension of six months service, – Sworn to and subscribed this 29th March 1837.

S/ Daniel Orr

S/ Jesse B Reeves, JIC

[fn p. 21]

State of Georgia County of Pike: SS

On this 6th day of June in the year 1843, personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County, Daniel Orr, a resident of said County of Pike, in the State of Georgia, aged eighty-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth 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 was drafted as a militia man in Wake County North Carolina in the fall of the year 1778 as well as he can now recollect (the precise date or the particular month he cannot now recollect from the loss of memory) this draft was for a five months Tour and Captain John Jones, was the Captain of the company to which this applicant was attached, from Wake Court house, marched under Captain Jones to the line Johnston County, when I hired William Winpy as a substitute, who was excepted and marched on to the state of Georgia under General Ash [sic, John Ashe]; who commanded the North Carolina militia under General Lincorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln]: and from information received from said Winpy and others, the said Winpy was engaged in the Battle at Briar Creek in the month of February 1779 under Ashe, Elbert and others, General Ashe and General Elbert were defeated by Colonel Prevost the British commander in that battle. To the best of this deponent's recollection the said Winpy served out the tour of five months; and returned to Wake County North Carolina. In the fall of 1779, Colonels Michael Rogers & Thomas Wooten employed made to make Pork Barrels & Flour Barrels to pack provision for the Army in, and this deponent worked in the publick store in Wake County North Carolina making Barrels for two months which by agreement with the said Colonels Rogers & Wooten, was to be received in lieu of a three months Tour of duty in the Army.

The next Tour of service this deponent performed was a three months Tour of service as a mounted militia man, in the fall of the year 1780 as a volunteer under Captain Matthew Cullers, volunteered in Wake County North Carolina marched from Wake County North Carolina to ~~Guilford County, down into Moore County, and down to a place called the White March, not far from Wilmington and a few days after~~ we embodied joined General Butler, and marched in Pursuit of the Tories, commanded by a man named Hector McNeal and aided by a Colonel Fanning, who a short time before, had taken Governor Martin of North Carolina, a prisoner and also about 100 prisoners out of Hillsboro, Orange County; overtook the Tories in Guilford

County at Lindley's Mill was in an engagement with them but was not able from the want of numbers to defeat them, or to get their prisoners from them; we pursued them from Guilford County down to a place called the White Marsh not far from Wilmington, where we had another Engagement with them, but could not succeed in defeating them, the balance of the three months service was performed in reconnoitering and Patrolling the Country, in holding in check the ravages of the Tories; our time having expired, we were discharged at a place called the White Marsh; I received a discharge from Captain Cullers, but which has long since been lost; and this applicant further states that he has no means at this late date by which to establish his claim & prove his service, except by his own oath that he knows of and that 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 in any State or territory.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans In Wake County North Carolina in August 1761, do not know the date of the month.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age, & my information as to my age, was derived from my Parents

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In Wake County North Carolina; since the Revolution I have lived in Wilkes County Georgia, Elbert County, Georgia, Madison County Georgia, and now live in Pike County Georgia.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. As a drafted man, and also as a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. There were no regular officers who were with the Troops where I served in Person and I cannot state the Regiment then I served in person in as he volunteered under Captain Matthew Cullers, and our Colonel was by the name of Robert Mabin and General Butler had the command: the General circumstances of my service have been set forth in the foregoing declaration.

6th 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 did receive a discharge from Captain Matthew Cullers, and the same [has] been long since lost;

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

Ans. I can't state the names of William Dismukes and Asa Sessions

S/ Daniel Orr

[William Dismukes and Asa Sessions gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia County of DeKalb: On this 19th day of February in the year 1850 personally appeared before me Julius A Hayden one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County the same being a court of record David Orr who being sworn says that from each & bodily infirmity he is unable of himself to appear in open Court, that he is a resident of Pike County in said State,

& that the reason why he has not made this application there is that, he has no means of traveling himself & that he is entirely dependent on others to haul him about, & that he was brought to this County to visit his children, & has to wait their pleasure to take him back to Pike County, That he is eighty-nine years of age and that he does make the further make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832,

That he entered the service of the United States in the militia of North Carolina under the following officers to with Captain Joshua Johnson, who commanded a company of militia from Wake County North Carolina & that he served under him as a volunteer for three months, and served as a Cooper, that he does not recollect the day month or year but it was about the time of the battle of Guilford,

And that he served three months as a volunteer from Wake County North Carolina under Captain Matthew Cullers, & that he was attached to the command of General Butler & under the command of Colonel Maybin (neither of whose given name he now recollects) That said service was at the time that Governor Martin of North Carolina was taken by the Tories at Hillsboro. That he was at a fight with the Tories at Lindley's Mills & that General Butler & Colonel Maybin commanded and that he marched through Rockingham, Johnson [sic, Johnston], Orange & Guilford Counties.

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 the agency of any State.

S/ Daniel Orr

[Samuel Bryant and Robert Orr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 2: in a letter dated December 31, 1853, there is reference made to Burrel Orr, a son of Daniel Orr.]