

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Oliver S11159

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State of Kentucky Franklin County Court Sct.

On this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Henry Wingate, Samuel B Crocker & Alexander Wilson, Justices of the Franklin County court now sitting as a Court, John Oliver a resident of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky aged 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 the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a soldier of the Revolutionary Army under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

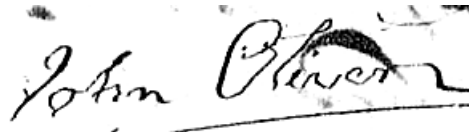
That in the year 1776 the first of January a short time before the declaration of independence he enlisted as Soldier in the regular service in the Continental line State of Virginia Spotsylvania County for the term of two years under Captain George Stubblefield that he rendezvoused in Spotsylvania Fredericksburg where he formed a portion of the 3 or 5th Regiment that the same was commanded by Charles Scott as the Colonel Burgess Ball was Lieutenant Colonel to said Regiment that from Fredericksburg he marched to Williamsburg from thence he marched to Norfolk or Portsmouth from thence to Suffolk from thence to Smithfield from thence to [word written over and illegible] the seacoast light house on the Bay from thence to York town at which place we took shipping and sailed around to the mouth of Elk River in the State of Pennsylvania he sailed up the same for some distance and then took land and marched through Philadelphia Prince town [Princeton] & that he was shortly thereafter in the Battle at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] in Pennsylvania, that at the time of this Battle of Brandywine his Captain George Stubblefield was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and Burgess Ball first Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged that Muhlenberg was the Brigade's General at the Battle of Brandywine that General Charles Scott was also a General that in this Tour of duty he was in the battle at Jarman Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] that at Brandywine he was wounded in the thigh in the flesh part but no bone was broken but he was disabled for some time from performing duty, that he received a discharge some time after the Battle of Jarman Town after having faithfully served out his two years, that he kept it until some few years before 1825, that some short time before 1825 he placed his discharge in the possession of Achilles Sneed who was then clerk of the Court of appeals in Kentucky to try and procure him a bounty in land for his services in said War, that a short time thereafter Achilles Sneed departed this life never having done anything for him, that since his death he cannot get the permission of the [indecipherable word] or heirs of said Sneed to examine for said discharge among the papers of said Sneed, that the discharge aforesaid was dated 7th of January 1778, that he will procure it if possible.

He has no evidence that he knows of that he can procure. He also stated, that from & between the year 1778 and 1781, he served three tours of duty as a volunteer, that he entered the service in the first Tour of duty, after having served out his time of service as a regular Soldier for two years as aforesaid, under Captain Peyton Starn [Peyton Sterns], Colonel Anthony Thornton Commanded the Regiment the number of the Regiment not recollected. That when he volunteered he lived in Caroline County the Town of Bowling green that he volunteered for the Term of three months that he marched from Bowling Green to Williamsburg that at Williamsburg he was discharged that at this Tour of duty he recollects no General that he thinks there was no General, That a few months before the siege of York he volunteered for the Term of three months, ending with the Siege of York, that during this tour he was under William Buckner his Captain that he was in the Battle of York Town, and that when he was in the engagement he recollects that he Buckner was his Colonel that at this time Charles Weedon [George Weedon] was General – that he recollects General Morgan, who commanded the regulars, that he recollects General Lafayette, that at the time of the engagement he was the Commander of a small guard who was appointed to guard some who had the small box that he knows of no one by whom he can prove the aforesaid services nor has he any documentary evidence by which the same can be proved,

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any other Pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State in the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Oliver

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Questions put to the applicant by the Court.

Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Spotsylvania County in the State of Virginia about the year 1756.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? – Ans. I have no record of my age. –

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live.

Answer. I lived in the County of Spotsylvania & State of Virginia when I was first called into service. I have resided in the State of Kentucky since the war and now reside in said State in the County of Franklin. –

How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ans. I was an enlisted Soldier in the revolutionary war for the term of 2 years and for the 2 last tours of duty I was a volunteer. –

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your Service

Ans. General Muhlenberg was the commander of the Brigade in which I served. Charles Scott was aid to said Muhlenberg. Josiah Parker was Colonel of the 5^t

Virginia Regiment. William Fowler was the Captain Lieutenant of the Company in which I served at the Battle of Brandywine, Davis was a Lieutenant Colonel in said Regiment, while I served therein – at the Battle of Germantown Captain Russell commanded the Company that I belong to – For my services as a Continental Soldier, I received nothing except Continental

paper, that I faithfully served out all the Tours of duty which I engaged to serve whether as volunteer, or regular,

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so from whom and what has become of it

Ans. I received a legal discharge from my Captain at the Valley Forge for my services as a regular Soldier on the 7th January 1778, that he had it in 1823 or 4 when Achilles Sneed took it to get my land, as a Soldier, that Sneed died in 1825 and I have not been able to procure the discharge, as to the rest of the Tours he does not know whether he was discharged from the volunteered Tours or not,

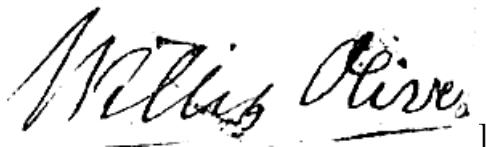
State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your Present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief in your services as a Soldier of the Revolution

I state as my neighbors Jerry Lockett, Willis Oliver, William F. Pemberton

[Jerry Lockett, Willis Oliver and William F Pemberton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 13: On August 29, 1832 in Frankfurt, Thomas Oliver, brother of John Oliver, gave a supporting affidavit in which he, the affiant, states that he was the younger brother of John Oliver; that he was too young to serve as a soldier; that his brothers John and William were both enlisted soldiers in the revolution under Captain George Stubblefield; that his brothers left home together with Bennett Pemberton; that his brothers were gone upwards of 3 years; that he remembers his brother John served 2 or 3 tours as a volunteer after he left the regular service. He states that Bennett Pemberton died in 1827. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 18: On August 25, 1832 in Franklin County Kentucky, Willis Oliver, upwards of 45, gave testimony in support of his father's application for a pension; he states that he recalls having seen his father's discharge which he thinks was for 2 years service. He makes other statements as to what he has heard his father and others say as to their service in the revolution.

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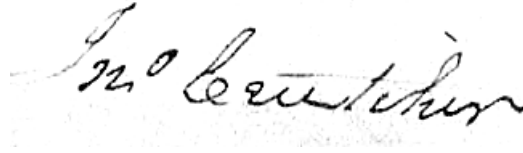
[f p. 29]

The affidavit of John Crutcher¹ taken at the Town of Frankfort on the 22nd day of November 1832 to be used on the behalf of John Oliver an applicant to be placed on the Pension Roll of the United States, who has made his declaration in Franklin County. Deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn called and & charged deposed & saith, that in the year 1776 the month of that year not recollected, Bennett Pemberton and John Oliver enlisted as regular soldiers in the Army of the United States in the State of Virginia Spotsylvania County in the Continental line for the Term of 2 years under Captain George Stubblefield the number of the Regiment not recollected that the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Charles Scott as the Colonel Burgess Ball was Lieutenant Colonel that they were in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown that they both served out their time of enlistment, that this affiant knew them well and knows of their having performed the services as aforesaid. This affiant states that he is

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himself on the Pension Roll of the United States and has been for some years past, and that he is now in his 76th year of his age further this deponent saith not.

S/ Jn^o Crutcher



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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Deponent being of lawful age deposeth & saith that in the year 1776 Bennett Pemberton & John Oliver enlisted as regular Soldiers in the Continental line in the State of Virginia Spotsylvania under Captain George Stubblefield for the Term of three years that the number of the Regiment not recollected, that the Regiment was commanded by Charles Scott the 1st Colonel and Burgess Ball the Lieutenant Colonel that they were both in the Battle of Brandywine and Germantown, that they both served out there term of enlistment under said Stubblefield, that Scott during this time was promoted to General and Ball to 1st Colonel & Stubblefield to Major, that this affiant was himself in the 8th Virginia Regiment and saw the said Pemberton and Oliver in the aforesaid Regiment and knew them well, that this affiant is now on the Pension Roll of the United States and has been for 8 years last past and is now in his 75th year, age further deponent saith not.

S/ Jno Crutcher



The affidavit of John Oliver taken at the Town of Frankfort on the 29th day of November 1832 to be laid before the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia in order to obtain his bounty land due him in virtue of his services as a Soldier in the Army of the revolution. Deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn deposeth and saith that in the year 1776 (the precise month not recollected), he the said John Oliver enlisted as a regular soldier in the State of Virginia in the County of Spotsylvania under Captain George Stubblefield who was a Captain in Colonel Burgess Ball's Regiment for the Term of three years, that he said John Oliver served out his term of enlistment, and was from the service faithfully discharged by Colonel Ball, that he had said discharging his possession in 1820 or thereabouts, when he handed the same to A. Sneed to get his land bounty for him, that said Sneed shortly thereafter died, and did not get said land bounty for him, that he has not been able to get his discharge sense, that during his time of service he was in General Charles Scott's Brigade C Muhlenberg's Brigade, that whilst in the Service he was in the battles of Brandywine [image of the document cut off at this point] wound in the flesh part of his thigh but did not break a bone, that he has not received any bounty land for his

services nor has he transferred his claim to the same to anyone, that he is now in the 77th year of his age and his memory is Consequently very indefinite that he served many other Volunteer Tours of duty, for which as he is informed he is entitled to nothing, that in the aforesaid service of 3 years he was in the Continental line, and was at the time of enlistment a citizen of the State of Virginia Spotsylvania, that he is now a citizen of Franklin County Kentucky and has been so since 1795, that he is now and long has been a member of the Baptist Church, that he now wishes his Bounty land of 100 acres which was promised him when he enlisted which she has never applied for.

S/ John Oliver

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Oliver". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.
