

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Oaks S14046

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The State of Alabama Perry County: SS

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Dunklin Sullivan Judge of the County Court of the County of Perry and State of Alabama now sitting Isaac Oaks a resident of the said County of Perry and State aforesaid aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.: That he first entered the service of the United States as a drafted man in the month of December 1776 in a company commanded by Captain James Hawkins that he served this tour three months and was discharged sometime in the month of March 1777 that – he resided at the time he was drafted and continued to reside until the close of the war in the County of Orange and State of Virginia from thence he was marched to Richmond where he joined the third Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Mathews from thence he was marched to Williamsburg against the British who had retired before the American troops commanded by General Lafayette arrived. We there took many Tories from thence we marched towards Fredericksburg but before arriving at that place we turned and marched to meet a reinforcement at the Raccoon Ford on the Rappahannock [River]; from thence we pursued the British about twenty miles where he this declarant was discharged his time of service three months having expired. That he remained at home only a few days until he again entered the service as a substitute for his father who was drafted and served three months principally in Albemarle County Virginia as a guard to British prisoners that he served this tour under Captain Buckner and was not attached to any Regiment – and was discharged about the first of July 1777. That after remaining at home a few days he again entered the service as a drafted man under the command of Captain James Hawkins and served three months during this tour he was also employed in guarding the prisoners in Albemarle County and discharged sometime in October 1777. That in being discharged he again in a few days entered the service as a substitute for his father and served three months under Captain Buckner; that on being discharged he again in a few days entered the service as a drafted man and served three months under Captain James Hawkins and that – on being again discharged he wants more entered the service as a substitute for his father and served three months under the command of Captain Buckner that he was discharged this 6<sup>th</sup> and last time sometime in the summer of 1778 having served altogether eighteen months the five last tours he was employed in guarding the prisoners in Albemarle County Virginia that having been called out alternately first in his own place & then as a substitute for his father he was not permitted to remain at home more than a few days at any one time and making in the aggregate not more than one month from the time he first entered the

service until the expiration of the said eighteen months service; That he has no recollection of the names of any of the Regular officers under whom he served except General Lafayette nor of any of the Continental Regiments or companies with which he served except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment – as above stated that – he served every tool within the State of Virginia: That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. –

Interrogatory first by the Court. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Louisa and State of Virginia on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1760.

Interrogatory 2<sup>nd</sup> – Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer. The time of my birth was inserted by my father in his family Bible which I left in the State of Virginia when I left that State.

Interrogatory 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 Orange County Virginia when called into service: after the war closed I removed into Albemarle County Virginia, from thence I removed into open for County Georgia where I resided about thirty years; from thence I removed about 6 years ago into a County Alabama where I now reside.

Interrogatory 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer; or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I served 6 tours of three months each 3 tours as a drafted man and 3 times as a substitute for my father.

Interrogatory 5<sup>th</sup> 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 & the general circumstances of your services?

Answer I recollect none of the Regular officers who were with the troops where I served except General Lafayette I do not recollect whether Colonel Mathews was a regular or a militia officer. I have no recollection of the Continental or militia regiments except the 3<sup>rd</sup> militia Regiment in which I served the greatest part of the time I was in the service I was employed in guarding prisoners.

Interrogatory 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service? & If so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge every time I quit the service I have no recollection by whom it was given. I took no care of them and they are destroyed.

Interrogatory 7<sup>th</sup> 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 good behavior and your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Answer. I am known to George Y. Farrar Esquire Claiborne Martin, John Edwards, Lent Seaborne Aycock Sir of Perry County and William Ford Esquire who can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior. I know of no person now living who can testify as to my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Isaac Oaks, X his mark

[William West, a clergyman, and Seaborn Aycock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service for 18 months.]