

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Oard S16496

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State of Indiana

Nash County Ss

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1833, personally appeared in open Court, held by John R Norten presiding Judge, and Robert Mitchell Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of said county the same court being a Court of record, and being now in session William Oard a resident of Adams township, said county of Nash aged 78 years and eight months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the services of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, towit, That some time in the month of February in the year 1776, this applicant now recollects at Leonardtown, county of St Marys and state of Maryland he was enrolled under Captain Jarret Bond, his Lieutenant's name was John Blackstone, and his Ensign's name William Chisletine as a malitiaman for the purpose of preventing the British shipping from landing which were laying opposite to said Leonardstown, and immediately after he enrolled we went to the place in sight of said town where we remained for ten weeks for the purpose afores'd. then we marched to the mouth of Clements Bay where we supposed the shipping would try to land as they had not landed at Leonardstown. we placed ourselves between what was called Chisletines Isleand and Blackstones Isleand [possibly Coltons Point between Saint Catherine Island and Blakistone Island, probably present St. Clements Island], and stayed there about two weeks. Our Colonel's name was Jeremiah Jourdon who then gave orders for our return. He was Clerk of the Court of St. Marys county. We then returned to the said town, having served in this tour three months but the days of the month when he commenced and closed this tour not recollected owing to the failing of the memory of this applicant. He further states that in June 1776 he was drafted as a malitiaman under William Walters Captain for the term of six months, his previous services and hardships rendered him unfit by occasioning indisposition for this tour of service, and he hired John Turner as a substitute to serve said tour who was accepted by the officers and performed the service. He understood they were to go on a southern expedition. The Colonel's name was said Jourdon. He further states that at the expiration of said six months service he removed to the county of Prince William in the state of Virginia, and that some time in the year 1780 the time he cannot state at the said County of Prince William he volunteered his services as a malitia man in the service of the Untied States for a two months tour under Captain John Sanford by whom the company was commanded in the expedition, George Tyler was Lieutenant, George Higgins Ensign, that Blackburn and Tipps were Colonels of said county; that the said company including this applicant set out within a few days after he volunteered his services as aforesaid, in said and that said Tipps accompanied them a part of the way, – from said county they marched to Frederick town, thence to Charlestown, Redstone Settlement [present Brownsville PA], and Cuaker [Quaker] Settlement. He served in this tour two months. He afterwards frequently during the Revolutionary war, served tours in the war of a few days in length as occasions and the necessities of the times required amounting in these short tours of at least one months. He says he has no documentary evidence of his said services as he did not receive a written discharge, and that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services. He makes the following statement to the questions propounded to him by the court, towit That he was born on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of September 1754 in the county of Charles State of Maryland, but has no record of his age; he was living in the county of St. Marys in the State of Maryland when he was first called into the service; thence he removed to Virginia where he was living at the close of the war; thence he removed to Ohio; thence to the State of Indiana

He cannot state the names of any other Officers or any other circumstances of the Revolution than those he has stated – the dates of his services and many other circumstances connected therewith are nearly effaced from his mind; that the names of the persons to whom he is known in his neighbourhood are John Brenton

and William Lewis and Benjamin Lambert a clergyman who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. 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 of any state that he knows of.

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NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the Administrator of William Oard's estate received the pension payment up to the date of his death, 15 Sep 1833.