

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Urton S16561

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State of Indiana, Orange County

On this thirteenth day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Thomas Vandaman [?] Judge of the Orange County Probate Court, in open Court now sitting, Peter Urton a resident of said County of Orange and State of Indiana aged sixty-eight years on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April next who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to attain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the Spring of 1781 applicant was drafted for a three months tour in the County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia where he at that time resided, and one week after he was drafted he rendezvoused at Colchester in the same County, after they rendezvoused, applicant being under the immediate command of Captain Charles Little, he was marched to Dumfries about 10 miles from Colchester under the command of Colonel Ramsey & General Churchill. From Dumfries the whole Army crossed the Rappahannock River and entered Fredericksburg where we remained a day or two. From Fredericksburg we were marched to Williamsburg where the Army remained at the Governor's Palace about a month. From Williamsburg we were marched to the Halfway house, when Cornwallis's Troops, being in pursuit, we retreated up to Little York, thence to Williamsburg thence to Ruffin's Ferry on the Pamunkey River, where we staid about a week. From Ruffin's Ferry, we proceeded on to Hanover Court House, thence towards Richmond, within about three miles of the latter place, and met the Marquis de Lafayette and entered Richmond in Virginia, where we took up our quarters at the rope walk. At [?] Richmond this applicant was discharged having remained in the service about three months and twenty days. He entered the Service in the early part of March; he was marched back into Fairfax County before he was finally discharged he continued under the same officers during the whole term. He does not believe that he received a written discharge for this tour, if he did he knows not what has become of it.

In about two weeks after his return applicant entered the service again as Substitute for one Henry Rector of Fauquier County in Virginia. He was drafted for three months tour. Applicant entered upon this tour at its commencement and went immediately into the Main Army under Captain O'Banion [probably a reference to Capt. John O'Bannon], Colonel & [sic] Chun [may be a reference to John Thomas Chunn] between Hanover Court House and Petersburg soon after his entering the Army he was marched to Stafford Court House. The whole Army during this campaign was maneuvering about through the neighborhood of Richmond, and between Richmond and Petersburg, watching the enemy, sometimes in advancing and often retreating, this applicant remaining under the command of Captain O'Banion and Colonel Chun, he served in this campaign about three months and 10 days and was discharged in Loudoun County Virginia but does not recollect whether he received a written discharge, if he did, he has lost it, for he has no recollection of it – applicant was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1765 from the Record Kept by his father, now in my brother's possession near Middletown in Jefferson County Kentucky. After the revolutionary war

applicant moved and settled in Loudoun County Virginia where he resided 20 odd years, then he moved into Garrard County in Kentucky where he lived 23 or 24 years, he then moved to Harrison County Indiana, where he resided between two & three years, he settled in Orange County Indiana a little more than a year ago, where he now resides. He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any individual or individuals who can testify to his service. He is known in his present neighborhood by Ingraham Davis, Abraham Osborn & John Head 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 upon the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Peter Urton, X his mark

[Joseph Redmon, a clergyman, and A. Osborn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]