

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Odom S16994

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State of Alabama Pickens County} SS

On this the 11th Day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before George H. Flournoy Judge of the County Court of said County Jacob Odom a resident of Pickens County and State aforesaid aged 70 or 71 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 7th A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of US under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit)

I entered the Service in the State of North Carolina Edgecombe County I was drafted and served under the following officers Caswell [Richard Caswell] was my General a part of the Tour Gates [Horatio Gates] commanded the remaining part of the Tour which continued three months Richard Ship [Richard Shipp] was my Captain a part of the term, Axom Phillips [Exum Phillips] was my Lieut., John Goodman orderly Sergeant, in this Tour I was in several Battles but none of any consequence except Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] & Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] from this Tour I received a regular discharge but lost the same since -- the next Tour was when the British passed through Edgecombe County North Carolina where I then resided they were under the command of Cornwallis. I was still a draftsman under General Griley Jones [?] Col. Theophilus Thomas (who acted as Colonel and Captain both) Robert West acted as orderly Sergeant. This Tour continued also three months, there was a close pursuit after Cornwallis but no Battle fought, I here received another discharge. It was given to me by Robert West orderly Sergeant, but I do not recollect who signed it, which was lost also with my other. I do not recollect at this time, when, or year that I commenced the Service in either one of these Tours. It was towards the close of the war, I was not in any more regular Service -- some little skirmishing, but none of any importance. Says he was born in North Carolina Edgecombe County in the year 1762 according to his Father's records -- I have a record of my age at home -- says he was living in North Carolina Edgecombe County when called into service, lived there until about 1802, from thence to State of Georgia lived there 7 years from there to Tennessee, Hickman County lived there 14 or 15 years not all the time in the same County but different counties in the same State. Some ten or twelve years in Lincoln County in said State & one year and Dickson County from thence to Alabama Pickens County where I have lived ten years, and where I now reside -- says furthermore in answer to fourth Question that he always was drafted except the last scrimmages mentioned in his declaration when he volunteered and did not receive

any discharge for them. Says he has received two discharges does not recollect by whom they were signed as he is illiterate but one he knows was given to him by Robert West orderly Sgt. and the other by Col. Dred Phillips [sic, Captain Etheldred Phillips]. Says he has lost them both -- does not recollect how or when they were lost -- as he deemed them of but little value and was not careful in preserving them -- says he knows of no person (certain) living that could Testify to his services as a revolutionary Soldier. If there is any living that could testify to this fact he does not now know it. -- I am acquainted with William Harris & Richard Cotham, who can testify to his general character as a revolutionary Soldier and also his character for veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Odom, X his mark

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Subscribed in open Court

S/ Jacob Odom, X his mark

[William Harris, a clergyman, and Richard Cotham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]