

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jethro O'Sheals (Oshiel, Oshiels, O'Shields) S18144 f43SC

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh [sic, Spartanburg] District

On this 27th day of September [1832] personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Sessions and Common pleas for the District of Spartanburg now sitting Jethro Oshiel a Resident of Spartanburg District aged Sixty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He entered the service of the United States in South Carolina Union District as a substitute for Joseph Breed in the Spring of 1777 or 78 under the command of Lieut. Samuel Jackson and was marched into Laurens District where he joined the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Brandon in the Battalion commanded by Major William Fair [sic, William Farr] & marched through Edgefield District by Liberty Hill where they met Col. Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] regiment and with that regiment into Augusta, Georgia; from thence on to Spirit Creek beyond Augusta, where they remained the most of the time during the remainder of six months, at the expiration of which time he was dismissed & returned home where he remained about twelve months when he entered the service again as a volunteer in August 1778 or 79 under Captain Thomas Blasingame [sic, Thomas Blasingame] & was marched into the edge of Spartanburg District where they met a party of Tories & had a small skirmish & defeated them; he was marched from thence to Smith's Ford on Broad River in Union District where they joined Genl Morgan's [Daniel Morgan] army in the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon, Major Joseph McJunkin's Battalion in the company commanded by Captain John Thomson, 1st Lieutenant Lattimore [Francis Lattimore]; from thence he was marched with Morgan's army to the Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River where Morgan halted & remained two or three months during which time he marched with a detachment under the command of Colonel Hayes [Joseph Hayes] a company commanded by Captain Thomas Blasingame in the direction of Ninety-Six, in pursuit of a party of Tories under the command of Major Lantrip [?]; they met the party of Tories in Laurens District had an engagement in which they defeated Major Lantrip; he then returned under the same officers to the army at Grindal Shoals where he remained until Genl Morgan received intelligence that the British army under the command Colonel Tarleton was advancing on him the army under General Morgan retired to the Cowpens in Spartanburg

District where the army was halted and prepared for Battle which commenced on the morning of the 18 January 1781 [sic, January 17, 1781]; he then went as one of the guard with the prisoners to Salisbury, North Carolina; he then returned to South Carolina, Union District; he then moved to Spartanburg District when he went out under the command of Colonel Kilgore [Benjamin Kilgore] against a party of Indians at Gowen's Fort in Spartanburg District and pursued them to their towns and destroyed them. This applicant is confident that he was at the different times he was in the army exceeding two years in the service of the United States.

[Declarant answers interrogatories the Court was required to propound under the regulations of the War Department.]

Ans. 1st: Born in North Carolina; about the year 1763.

Ans. 2: There is a true register of my age ~~at home~~ in a family bible that belonged to my Father which is now in the possession of my brother-in-law, John Lancaster.

Ans. 3rd: [He] Was living in Union District South Carolina and removed to Spartanburg about the time of Tarleton's defeat at the Cowpens, where I now live, & have lived ever since the revolutionary war.

Ans. 4th: I entered the service first as a substitute and afterwards as a volunteer as stated in the declaration.

Ans. 5th: See declaration for this answer, in addition to which may be added Col Washington & Col Howard.

Ans. 6: [He] Never received any discharge.

Ans. 7: In support of my declaration and my character as a man of veracity, I refer to Absalom Thomson and John Osheals, Samuel Smith & William Smith who were with me in the service, and to William Smith who is my neighbor & well acquainted with my character.

S/ Jethro Oshiels, X his mark (his mark)

Sworn to in open Court

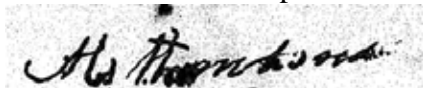
S/ Jno B. O'Neill Presiding Judge

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: I Absalom Thomson¹ residing in the District of Greenville in the State aforesaid hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Jethro Osheals who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; and that I knew him in the service of the United States as a soldier in two expeditions against the Indians, 1st under the command of Kilgore & White Colonels and 2nd under General Pickens; that I believe him to be sixty-nine years of age; that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & I concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jehu Wells, JP

S/ Abs. Thompson



State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: I Samuel Smith² residing in the District of Spartanburg in the State aforesaid hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the said

¹ [Absalom Thompson S21533](#)

² [Samuel Smith S19093](#)

Jethro O'Shields who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that I believe him to be 69 years of age: that I knew him in the service of his country at the battle of the Cowpens under General Morgan; that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & I concur in the opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Saml Smith



the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

[William Smith gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[all of the above certified by Elisha Bomar, Clerk of Circuit Court on October 19, 1832]

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After having returned from the expeditions after the Indians this deponent entered the service as a volunteer in the spring of 1781 in Captain Joseph Wofford's Company Major Ford's Battalion in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin ~~Roebuck~~: he was engaged most of the time in skirmishing with the Tories: he was in one expedition against the Indians under Colonels Kilgore & White, & joined General Pickens at the New Cane Town in the State of Georgia after which he returned home & was there under the command of Colonel Roebuck and Captain Joseph Wofford's Company where he served as a volunteer entirely in the State of South Carolina fighting against the Tories four, he thinks, about the space of 18 months.

Sworn to & subscribed the 27th of September 1832

S/ Jno. B. O'Neill, Presiding judge

S/ Jethro Osheals, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: As an amendment to his declaration for a pension Jethro Oshials states on oath before the subscribing justice that he entered the service of the United States as a militia man in the State of South Carolina Union District as a substitute for Joseph Breed [?] in the spring of 1777 for six months under the command of Lieutenant S. Jackson of Colonel Brandon his Regiment & was marched as stated in the original declaration until the expiration of the six months when he was discharged & returned home in the fall following where he remained until sometime in August 1778 when he again entered the service as a militia man, a volunteer for six months under Captain Blasingame: Major Farr's Battalion, Colonel Brandon's Regiment was marched into Laurens District where they had a skirmish with a party of Tories under the command of Cunningham of the bloody scout & defeated them: after having served out the six months he was marched back to Union District & discharged: got no written discharge: He immediately volunteered as a militia man under Captain John Thomson about the middle of February 1779 in Major McJunkin's Battalion Colonel Brandon's Regiment for six months during which time he was marching about in Spartanburg, Union & Laurens Districts after the Tories & had several light skirmishes with parties of the Tories: he served out the term of his enlistment &

immediately volunteered under the same officers for six months more about the middle of August 1779 & remained employed as in the other six months until about the last of the fall of the first of the winter when he was marched to Smith's Ford on Broad River & joined General Morgan's Army from there to Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River as stated in the original Declaration, served as is there stated until after the Battle of the Cowpens & went as one of the guard with the prisoners and is North Carolina, was discharged, & returned home about the middle of February having served out the term of his enlistment:

He then moved to Spartanburg District & served as is stated in the original & amended declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service.

Sworn to & subscribed before may 23rd June 1834

S/ H. J. Dean, JP

S/ Jethro Oshials, X his mark

South Carolina Spartanburg District: Jethro O'Shields makes oath before me the subscribing justice that during the terms of service stated in his original & amended declaration he was in actual service in a regular embodied Corps called into service by competent authority.

Sworn to & subscribed before me January 19th 1835

S/ Joseph Wofford, JP

S/ Jethro O'Shields, X his mark

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: John Osheals makes oath before me the subscribing justice that he knew Jethro Osheals during the revolutionary war that he was in service with him under Captain Samuel Jackson and Colonel Brandon's Regiment & knows that Jethro Osheals rendered that service: that he was in service with him under Major Farr, Colonel Brandon's Regiment in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Blasingame in the skirmish with the Tories in Laurens District the Tories were commanded by Lantrip who was defeated but next morning Cunningham came up & the Americans had to retreat; ~~that he was in the service with Jethro Osheals under Captain John Thomson, Major McJunkin's Battalion, Colonel Brandon's Regiment & was in some skirmishes with the Tories until they joined Morgan's Army.~~

They were then marched & joined Morgan's Army at Smith's Ford on Broad River & went under the command of Captain John Thomson: Major McJunkin's Battalion, Colonel Brandon's Regiment & was with him the said Jethro in the battle of the Cowpens & on to Salisbury NC & back under Captain Thomson to South Carolina about February or March: they then moved to Spartanburg & Jethro Osheals went out under Colonel Kilgore against the Indians but this deponent was not with him: he was not with Jethro Osheals in any other service but knows that he was out in service with the exception of part of one year when the said Jethro remained at home trying to make a crop but was forced to leave his crop in consequence of the bad treatment of the Tories: And this deponent further states that he is certain the said Jethro Osheals was employed in actual service at least between two & three years in the American revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed before me January 19th 1835

S/ Joseph Wofford, JP

S/ John O'Shields, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]