

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ott S18145

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State of South Carolina Orangeburg District: to wit:

On this the twenty third day of October in the year 1833, personally appeared in Open Court of Common Pleas now sitting, John Ott a resident of the District & State aforesaid, of seventy-one years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration on oath in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He entered the service as a private under Colonel William Thomson, but cannot remember the name of his Captain, in the spring of 1778 or 79 & served for two months. He entered the service at Orangeburg Court House in the State aforesaid, where he remained until the expiration of the two months when he was verbally discharged. He again entered the service as a private under Colonel Heatly – at Orangeburg in the [indecipherable word or words, the letters look like "La the"] part of the he year 1778 or 79 – continued in the service at said place for three months – & was relieved again verbally discharged. He afterwards entered the service as a private under Captain Jacob Rumph in Orangeburg District & continued in said Company for six months – & was verbally discharged – He does not remember the year exactly but thinks it was in 1780 or 81. – He was never engaged in a regular Battle, and marched through no other part of the Country than Orangeburg District – and acted on a draft. He has no documentary evidence either of his age or services – and from his age & weakness of memory he cannot speak positively of the times of entering the service & of his discharges. He further states that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure as to his services. –

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.

He swears that he is certain of having served two months under Colonel William Thompson, then under Colonel Heatly & six months under Captain Jacob Rumph, making the entire term of service (of which he is certain) 11 months.

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

S/ B. J. Earle

S/ John Ott

[Gideon Hutts, a clergyman, and James Garvin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

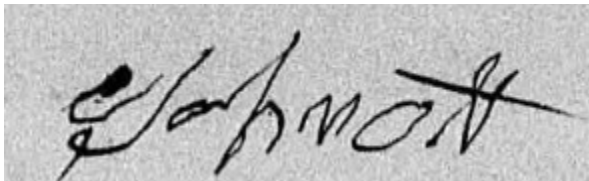
State of South Carolina Orangeburg District: to wit

On this the twelfth day of October in the year 1836 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas now sitting John Ott & being first duly sworn makes the following amendment to his Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 7 1832 [sic]

That the two months service which he performed under Colonel William Thompson [sic, William Thomson] was in consequence of a draft (as this deponent then understood) by order of the State of South Carolina. He was stationed in fort at Orangeburg. He, as before stated, does not remember the name of his Captain, Abraham Felder was the first Lieutenant of the Company in which he was a private. Nothing of importance happened during the two months at the expiration of which time he was discharged verbally. He was again drafted in about six months after his discharge and served three months at Orangeburg (stationed in fort) under Colonel Heatly – at the expiration of this time he was again verbally discharged. He does not recollect the name of his Captain. That he afterwards volunteered under Captain Jacob Rumph for six months not for the performance of ordinary Militia duty at home, but for the same service which he performed when drafted as above stated, and for the same service for which he was drafted. His services were very much if not entirely confined to the limits of this District during this service: And mostly on Edisto River: He was as he before stated in no engagement, and cannot now remember enough to give a further detailed account of his marches. During the eleven months service he performed he acted as a private.

Sworn to before me as Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
S/ A. P. Butler

S/ John Ott

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ott", written in a cursive style on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]