

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Offutt S31887

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State of Georgia Washington County: On this 25th day of March 1834 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court Nathaniel Offutt a resident of the County and State aforesaid Aged seventy-two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

I lived in the State of South Carolina in Edgefield District when I entered the Service of the United States. I joined the Army of the United States in February or March in the year 1779 under the command of Colonel L. Hammon [sic, Leroy Hammond] and Captain J. [?, could be S. or P] Hammon near Augusta on the South Carolina side of the River. The Army marched to Augusta Georgia and down the Savannah Road to Mackben Creek from there retreated before the British into South Carolina and was stationed on the high land near Augusta. After the British left Augusta I went on a scouting party into Georgia commanded by Colonel Hammon. We followed the British towards Savannah and near Brier Creek took a Fort, and then returned to South Carolina. We then marched to Stono and was commanded there by General Lincoln about two weeks after the battle at Stono, which was the 20th June 1779. I left the Army and went home by under my Captain in this tour I served four months. And in the year 1780 Colonel Twiggs of Georgia with a band of men crossed the Savannah River at Augusta. I joined them and fled from British protection. I went to Maryland and returned to South Carolina in the fall of the same year, and joined the refugee Army about the middle of October. In this Campaign I was a volunteer. I joined the Army near Kings Mountain South Carolina. I was in the battle on Tiger [sic, Tyger] River at Blackstalks [sic, Blackstock's Plantation] Commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. I was in another battle under the command of William Washington when he defeated Colonel Moore, who commanded a company of Tories at a place called Hammons Old Store [sic, Hammond's Old Store]. We elected Samuel Hammons our Captain and there was four Colonels from Georgia viz. Twiggs, Clarke, Few & Candler. I remained in the Army until the middle of January 1781, making this tour three months.

I returned to Montgomery County Maryland in 1781 and was drafted for six months and served that tour in the fourth Regiment of the Maryland regulars. We rendezvoused at Annapolis and remained there some time learning the Military exercise – we marched from there to your Town in Virginia to the Siege of Cornwallis. And I remained there until the Surrender of the

British and until the were removed and then returned to Annapolis in Maryland and was discharged. Levarsh was my Captain and William Moredock my Lieutenant. Until sometime after we got to York and then Moredock was Captain and Bettis the Lieutenant.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm W. Holt., Judge

S/ Nathaniel Offutt

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of South Carolina on the Savannah River at a place called the three Sisters in the year 1762

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. My age was recorded in my father's family Bible, and it was in Augusta the last I knew of it

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Edgefield South Carolina when called into service. I have lived in the State of Maryland, Mississippi Territory & South Carolina and now live in the State of Georgia where I have lived for 25 years

Question 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted the first tour the second tour I volunteered and the third I was drafted

Question 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Lavarsh Captain and Moredock Lieutenant, who commanded the company that I belonged to in the fourth Regiment of the Maryland Regulars is all that I know and as for the General Circumstances of my Services I can say no more than I have said in my declaration

Question 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

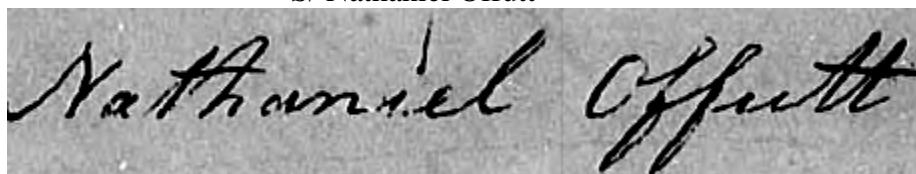
Answer. I received a written discharge at Annapolis but I do not recollect who gave it nor what has become of it. This is all the written discharge I received

Question 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Silas Floyd, Benjamin Sessions and James Jones are persons who have known me for many years in my present neighborhood

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

S/ Nathaniel Offutt

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Nathaniel Offutt". The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored.

S/ Wm W Holt, Judge

[James Payne, a clergyman, and Jabez Joines gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Columbia County: Personally came before me William Barden a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, William Young who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Nathaniel Offutt previous to the close of the Revolutionary War, and served a six

months tour of duty in the same Company and was messmates with the said Nathaniel Offutt he being a drafted militia man, and serving in the fourth Regiment of the Maryland regulars Major Rocksbury commanding, the Captain was named Lavarsh and the Lieutenant's name was Bettis; We were rendezvoused at Annapolis in the summer of 1781 and marched from thence to Yorktown, and was there in service during the siege & surrender of Cornwallis & until after the evacuation of that post by the British – This deponent further saith that he has received a pension on account of his service in the Campaign above referred to, and would gladly have availed himself of the testimony of the said Nathaniel Offutt, at the time of filing his Declaration, and he then known the residence of the said Nathaniel Offutt.

S/ William Young<sup>1</sup>

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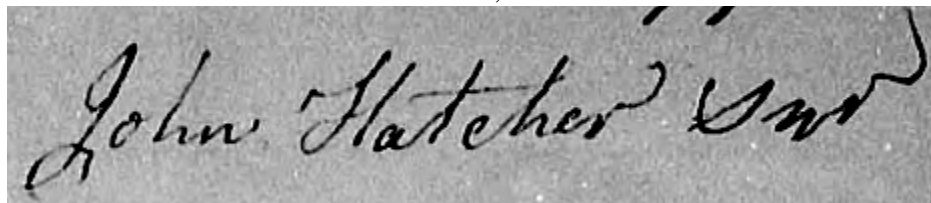
Sworn to and subscribed before made this 14th day of February 1834  
S/ Wm Barden, JP

State of Georgia Wilkinson County: Before me James Hatcher a Justice of the Peace of said County personally came John Hatcher<sup>2</sup> who being duly sworn on oath saith that he was well acquainted with Nathaniel Offutt and that he served in a Campaign under Captain John Hammond under the command of Colonel Leroy Hammond and Major Middleton either in February or March in the year 1779 we marched from South Carolina into Georgia on the Road about twenty miles from Augusta leading to Savannah we were met by the British marching to Augusta we were compelled to retreat to South Carolina and were stationed opposite Augusta at a place called Liberty Hill. I believe it was in June same year the British crossed Savannah opposite Purrysburg in South Carolina then the Army under the command of Colonel Leroy Hammond and Major Middleton marched after the British to Stono and sometime in the last of July or first of August had Battle with the British at Stono and in a few weeks afterwards said Nathaniel Offutt was discharged, and sometime in the year 1780 joined Colonel Elijah Clark and in a few weeks we had a battle with the British on Tiger River with Colonel Tarleton in South Carolina we were under the command of General Sumter and the said Nathaniel Offutt always manifested the greatest anxiety for the cause of freedom.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of February 1834.

S/ James Hatcher, JP

S/ John Hatcher, Senior

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<sup>1</sup>FPA W2509

<sup>2</sup> I cannot find a federal pension application for a man by this name claiming services as set forth above. Consequently, this may be the only record in the federal pension documents of this man's service in the revolution.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

[Note: this file erroneously contains the Bounty Land Record Card of John O'Flaherty, a private in the New Jersey line who was awarded a warrant number 8618 for 100 acres of land on April 20, 1792.]