

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John O'Neal S32422

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State of Indiana Ripley County: Sc.

On this 23 day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Ripley Circuit Court now sitting John O'Neal a resident of the County of Ripley and State of Indiana 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit) Colonel Pendleton, Major Roberts, Captain Yancey. That he entered the service about the last of June in the year A.D. 1777, that he left the service in November the same year after serving between five and six months. That he entered the service again about the first of October 1780 and left the service sometime about the 20th of March 1781. That he served the second term under the following named officers (to wit) General Stevens [Edward Stevens], Colonel Barker, (Major's name not remembered) & Captain Terrel. That he entered again the third time about the month of April or May 1781 and served two months, that during the third tour he served under General Muhlenberg, Colonel Slaughter, (Major's name not recollected) and Captain Browning. That he resided at the time he entered the service (at the three several periods) in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia that he volunteered the first tour, That he entered the service the second and third terms and served as a substitute. That he was in the affair at Adkin River [Yadkin River] during his second term of service, and during his third term of service in the Battle of Petersburg [April 15, 1781], that he marched from Culpeper Court house to Fredericktown in Maryland, from thence to Lancaster, from thence to headquarters near Philadelphia from thence back to Culpeper County in Virginia during the second tour he marched from Culpeper County to Hillsboro in North Carolina from thence to Salisbury in North Carolina, from thence to Pedee River that he took up winter quarters near the Cheraw Hills from there he marched back to Culpeper County, during his third tour he marched from Culpeper Court house to Petersburg, from thence to Chesterfield Court house, from thence to a place called the Coal Pitts South of Richmond from thence they marched up James River about sixteen miles to the crossing place, on their way to Richmond from thence he returned home to Culpeper County Virginia. That he was acquainted with Major Bass & Major DeCloman (a French officer) [Christian Charles de Klauman]. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John O'Neal, X his mark

[William Larock, a clergyman, and James Benham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
Questions propounded by the Court to John O'Neal the within applicant – Question 1st Where and in what year were you born – Answer. In Essex County in Virginia in 1760. Question 2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer I have none. Question 3rd. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you reside now? Answer – in Culpeper County Virginia since the Revolution I have resided in the County of Franklin in the State of Kentucky from there I removed to this State (to wit, Indiana) where I have since resided in the County of Ripley. Question 4. How were you called into service &c? Answer. I will volunteered the first time and served as a substitute the other 2 times. Answer to Question 5th. I do not recollect but one regular officer with whom I was acquainted that was Major Morris – the circumstances of my service are contained in the within declaration. Answer to Question 6. I got a discharge from Lieutenant Brown and I cannot now tell what has become of it. Answer to question 7. James Benham, Jesse Markland, William Harriss, Thomas Hinton, William Holman, Jesse Holman &c &c &c

State of Indiana Ripley County: SS

Ripley County Probate Court February Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Henry B. Hukill probate Judge of the Ripley County Probate Court now in session Stephen S Harding of lawful age who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that he was the Attorney for one John O'Neal an applicant for a pension under the Law of June 7th 1832, that the said John O'Neal made his certain Declaration agreeably to the regulations of the War Department on the 23rd day of August 1832 in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Ripley Circuit Court for the County of Ripley (Indiana) and that he well remembers hearing the said John O'Neal say that he served in all his three tours more than one year but the exact time he could not recollect to a day, but as near as he could recollect served as he has heretofore stated, in his said Declaration (to wit) from the last of June 1777 until November following in the same year (which makes 5 months at least from the first of October 1780 and left the service the 12th of March 1781 (which makes 6 months and 20 days) from the month of April or May 1781 until he served out 2 months more, which added to the other two tours makes at the least calculation according to the statement of the said John O'Neal one year, one month & twenty days and the said deponent does not hesitate to say from the statement of the said John O'Neal in his lifetime that he served for one year, one month and twenty days in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States, And further this deponent saith that the alterations and erasures which are apparent in the said Declaration of the said John O'Neal were made at the special instance and request of the said John O'Neal before the said deposition was sworn to and subscribed by the said O'Neal. And further that the said John O'Neal departed this Life on the 7th day of November 1832, and further this deponent saith not.

S/ S. S. Harding

Sworn to and subscribed the 11th day of February A.D. 1833 before me

S/ David P. Shook, Clerk

[Facts in file: veteran was some 5 by the following children Henry and James O'Neal and Jane Murphy. There is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

service as a private for one year one month in 20 days in the Virginia service.]