

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Osborn S32423

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State of Indiana        }                On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1832 Personally appeared in open  
Fountain County Ss }                court, the said Court being a probate court in and for said County now  
siting John Osborn resident in said County Aged seventy 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein  
stated. That he entered the above named service In Montgomery County Virginia, (now Patrick County  
[sic: Patrick County, formed from Henry County in 1791]) on the first of May 1780 In the company  
commanded by Captain Enoch Osborn the company being a vollenteir company bound by agreement to  
served and to be in reddiness for serve at or upon an warning that when their services was needed  
marched from New River in Montgomery County aforesaid on or about the first of the month of May  
1780 To Whittons Station now in the state of Tennessee [sic: Whitten's Fort on the upper Clinch River in  
Virginia against the Shawnee and Cherokee nations of Indians depredations being then frequently  
committed on the frontier settlements of Virginia and Carolina by the Indians and Tories. Served three  
months on the above tour and was discharged, upon agreement to be holden in readiness to enter the  
service when caled

In the Spring of the year 1781 This said declarant was called into service, on a second tour of service in  
the Company of Captain Enoch Osborn aforesaid, marched from the aforesaid County of Montgomery (in  
Virginia) Through Mochasin Gap, Thence to Blackamores Station In Tennessee [sic: through Moccasin  
Gap to Fort Blackmore in present Scott County VA] thence to Beans Station near the Cumberland  
mountain [Bean Station in present Grainger County TN], there stationed for the purpose of defending the  
frontier settlements from being destroyed by the Indians Served Three or four months, being relieved by  
other troops, were permitted for to go home for the purpose of procuring clothing and winter quarters To  
be held in readiness and subject to be called into service at any time if his service was needed.

This said declarant Vollenteered, on a third tour to go against the tories, under the Command of Colonel  
William Campbell of Virginia, marched from New River in the County of Montgomery afores'd to North  
Carolina scouring and searching the County for the Tories. This said declarant Vollenteered on a fourth  
tour against the tories in the company commanded by Captain Gambrell [Martin Gambrell, pension  
application W7504] of Light Dragoons commanded by Collonel Cleaveland [sic: Benjamin Cleveland] a  
detachment amounting to about three hundred, marched from the said County of Montgomery into  
North Carolina in Ash [sic: Ashe] County stationed no particular place, but employed in Ranging the  
country back and forth in quest of the tories finally discharged in the month of September 1782 and that  
he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuty except the present and declares that  
his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency. That he has no documentary evidence of his services,  
and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. This said  
declarant was born in, Shanadoah County Virginia on 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1763 [sic: Shenandoah, then  
Frederick County]. Engaged in the service of the United States at the Age of Seventeen years a Volenteer  
in the war of the revolution  
John hisXmark Osborn

State of Indiana Sct }                Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in  
Fountain County    }                and for said county John Orsborn of said County who being duly sworn  
according to law Deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot  
swear positively, as to the precise length of his services. But according to the best of his recollection, he

served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades. (To wit) I served in the company commanded by Captain Enoch Orsborn in the first tour four months and twenty days. On a second tour I serv'd six months in the company aforesaid. On both of the above tours I was commanded by Colonel Peston [sic: William Preston]. On a third tour I served six months in the company of Captain Gumbrell Colonel Campbell commanded the Regiment, On a fourth tour I served Three months in Captain Nawls Company Colonel Cleaveland commanded the troops as colonel On a fifth tour I served in the company of Captain Ward five weeks Colonel Preston ordered us out. On a sixth tour I served in the company commanded by Captain Ward at Whitton's Station in the state of Tennessee one year, ordered out by Colonel Preston and received all our orders from as commander of said Garrison I was a private soldier on all the above tours that I served [signed 2 Sep 1833] John Osborn

State of Indiana } In the Fountain Circuit Court Term of September 1833  
Fountain County Sct }

Personally appeared in open Court John Osborn who here at this time To wit the [blank] day of [blank] AD 1833 made the following amendment to his original declaration in the matter of his application for a pension; Question 1<sup>st</sup> Born AD 1763 Shanadoah County Virginia I have no written record of my age. Question 2<sup>nd</sup> I were living when called into service in Montgomery County Virginia I have lived since the revolutionary war I have lived in Ash County North Carolina I moved from thence to Barren County Kentucky From thence to Harison [sic: Harrison] County Indiana and from thence to Fountain County Indiana where I now live. Question 4<sup>th</sup> I was called into service as was called then enlisting to be always in readiness from the time that I engaged when needed or called upon Question 5<sup>th</sup> I can state some of the names of the officers under whom I served. I know not whether they commanded regular troops or not (viz) Col Campbell Col. Preston Col. Cleaveland & Col. [John] Sevier Gen'l Robert Lenore. I never rec'd a discharge My uncle Captain Enoch Orsborn had the charge of my papers. It was under him I served I cared nothing about my papers I thought my uncle would see that all was right with me Question 7<sup>th</sup> I have given the names of the persons with whom I am acquainted in my present neighbourhood who could testify to my character for truth veracity in my former declaration Sworn to and subscribed 9 Sept 1833 John Osborn hisXmark

NOTES: On 1 July 1833 Robert Osborn certified that John Osborn had served under his father, Enoch Osborn. On 6 May 1852 Osborn applied to have his pension transferred, having moved to McDonough County IL.