

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Odil S38271

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State of Kentucky County of Graves } SS

On this 13 day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before Rezin Davidge Judge of the Graves Circuit Court now sitting John Odil aged seventy-four years, a resident of the county and state aforesaid, 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.

John Odil states that he entered the service of the United States and served in the revolutionary war under the following named officers as herein stated – He states he was born in Cumberland County State of North Carolina on the 8th day of April 1758 and moved to South Carolina in the year 1772 Claremont County, Sumter district he entered the service a drafted soldier under Captain John Singleton in his company of Infantry and served two months; this was in the year 1778. In the year 1779, entered the service in the month of February and served as a drafted soldier for three months in Captain Moore's [Isham Moore's] company of Infantry – In the month of June following served another tour in the same company of Infantry and under the same Captain Moore – Colonel Richardson [Richard Richardson] being the Commander of the Regiment.

In the year 1780 served during the month of May in Captain Moore's company of Infantry and Colonel Richardson's Regiment. In the year 1781 he entered the service as a volunteer in Captain Hill's [Joseph Hill's] company of Horse in Colonel Richardson's Regiment and continued therein from first of March to the December following a period of nine months: General Marion [Francis Marion] commanding the whole. After this he was in service every third month until the close of the war but cannot state positively how long he served but would state to the best of his recollection he served two tours of one month each under Captain Hill – Total 18 months. The first battle he was then was in Georgia, at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779],¹ and was under command of Captain Moore & Major Gale Colonel Sharp was the commander of the Tories who were about 200 strong: him & the Major were killed & took eight or 10 prisoners – He was at the taking of Scott's Fort on the East side of Santee River under Captain Hill, and General Marion – was under the same officers when Thompson's Fort [February 22, 1781]² was taken – the British and Tories there taken were sent northward – He states he was at the evacuation of Georgetown in South Carolina near the mouth of Pedee River – Was with a

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thomsons_plantation.html

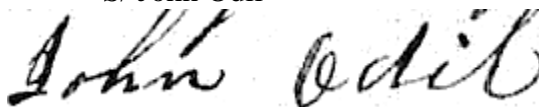
scouting party near to Charleston and took 30 British prisoners – He further states that he moved from South Carolina to Georgia, thence to Williamson County Tennessee where he lived 17 years and then moved in 1822 to Madison County Tennessee – When there being palsied some of his friends were induced to make application to the Government for a pension for him, and to procure the necessary testimony he wrote to his brother-in-law John China³ who sent him the annexed testimony in the year 1830 which is filed in support of his declaration –

He has no documentary evidence having kept his discharges with some Continental money until they were you up by worms or insects –

During his tour of nine months as a volunteer under Captain Hill he furnished his own horse, and during this time the Tories burned his house and all contained therein – He had a good horse saddle & bridle taken from him by the British soldiers.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of the United States –

S/ John Odil



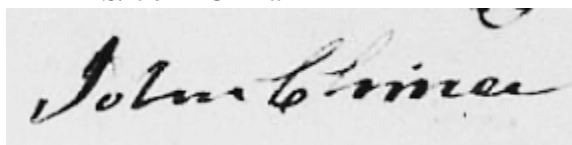
[Marcus C Henderson, a clergyman, and James Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Sumter District

Before me David F Wyles a Justice of the Peace for the District & State aforesaid personally appeared John China of the district aforesaid & made oath that to his personal knowledge John Odil formerly of said District served as a private in Captain Joseph Hill's Company attached to Colonel Richard Richardson's Regiment under General Marion in South Carolina during part of the Revolutionary War say from the year 1781 to the spring of 1782 & that the said John Odil was as this deponent verily believes afterwards honorably discharged. Sworn to before made this 4th of October 1830

S/ John China



S/ D. F. Wyles

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

Before me David F Wyles a Justice of the Peace for the District & State aforesaid personally appeared William Vaughan⁴ & made oath that to his personally [sic] knowledge John Odil formerly of the said District served as a private in Captain Joseph Hill's company attached to Colonel Richard Richardson's Regiment under General Marion in South Carolina during part of the Revolutionary war, say from the year 178[last digit torn off and missing at the edge of the page] to the close of the War & that the said John Odil at the close of the War aforesaid was

³ [John China S46593](#)

⁴ [William Vaughan W11691](#)

honorably discharged as this deponent verily believeth.

S/ Wm Vaughan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Vaughan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "W".

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State of South Carolina

Sumter District }

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Quorum in and for the State and District aforesaid John China Senior and William Vaughan and made Oath in due form of Law, that they were during the Revolutionary War well acquainted with John Odil formerly of said Sumter District (and now a Resident of Graves County Kentucky as they have been informed) that they know of their own personal knowledge that the said John Odil Served as a private in Captain Joseph Hill's Company attached to Colonel Richardson's Regiment under command of General Marion during a part of the Revolutionary War that is to say from the beginning of the year 1781 2 of the spring of 1782 or close of the war a period of near one year as these deponents believe and that he was afterwards as they verily believe honorably discharged. That they know from the belief and report of those times that the said John Odil performed and served several small tours of Service in said war as a drafted private before he entered the Service but cannot state any of the particulars thereof. They state that the said John Odil was always accounted a man of veracity – good standing and character whilst they knew him as a man who had unquestionably bear [the character of] a faithful Soldier in behalf of the American Cause during the Revolutionary war. These deponents also state, the former that he is sixty-nine years of age and the latter that he is seventy years of age on the 22nd May next.

Sworn to and subscribed this 14th day of April A.D. 1834

S/ JM Caldwell, QU

S/ John China Sen.

S/ Wm Vaughan

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$67.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the infantry and as a private in the cavalry.]