

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Oneal [O'Neal, O'Neil] S38272

f37MD[sicPA]

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John Oneal of the County of Ohio in the Commonwealth of Virginia maketh the following declaration under oath in open Court.

In the fall of the year 1776 in the State of Pennsylvania, he enlisted as a Soldier in the US Army in Capt. Van Swearingen's Company, that he marched with said company to Hannahs Town, now Greensburgh, thence to Philadelphia, where the said company was attached to Col. McCoy's Regiment of the line which was the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment and was shortly afterwards attached to and formed a part of General Anthony Wayne's division. That in the month of April 1777 he was taken prisoner by the British and detained a prisoner until May in the following year when he was exchanged and again joined his company and continued in service until after the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when he was discharged in consequence of a severe wound he received in both his Shoulders at the capture of Cornwallis aforesaid.

That the declarant is about 78 years of age, very infirm, and in such low and reduced circumstances in life as to place him in extreme need of assistance from his Country for Support; and that he hereby relinquishes his claim to every pension heretofore granted to him by the laws of the US.

That he obtained from the Surgeon *of the Regiment of his disability occasioned by his wounds:*

*Sworn to in open Court May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1818*

*S/ Wm Chapline, Jr. COC<sup>1</sup>*

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Ohio County to wit

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for said County, John Oneall aged about Seventy-five years Resident in Said County near Elizabethtown grave Creek who being first duly sworn on his oath declares that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows viz. Enlisted in the year 1776 with Capt. Van Swearingen for three years but was returned for & during the war in the 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment, continued in said Regiment five years, when he was discharged at Pittsburgh by Col. Bayard. He then joined or enlisted with Capt. Francis Revellie [Revelley, Revely, Revelly, etc.] in the Maryland line under General Smallwood [William Smallwood] in the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment & was afterwards detached to Join General Wayne & was finally discharged in 1781 in

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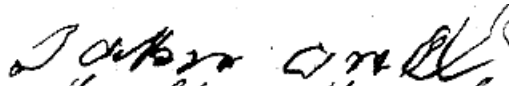
<sup>1</sup> Portion in italics only found in the HerritageQuest.com version of this file.

consequence of wounds received at little York. That he made his original declaration on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_. That his pension certificate is No. 16626 & that he has never received any pension.

And he doth further solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed viz.

1 Walnut chest made 10 years ago original cost	\$3.00
1 ten gallon cattle bought 15 years ago for 5 bushels of wheat	2.50
2 old wood, w water buckets	.37 ½
2 old Table Knives & forks	.50
2 small Nock 1/9 1/15	.25
1 little white plate	.06 ¼
1 weeding hoe	.25
1 old Saddle worth about	<u>2.00</u>
	\$8.93 ¾

S/ John Oneal



The declarant further states that he was by Occupation a Taylor [tailor] – that for two years he has not been able to follow & that he has no family whatever residing with him & that he is in such indigent & helpless circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the aid of Government or public or private charity.

[p 6: Finding by the County Court of Ohio County Virginia dated March 15, 1837 that John O'Neil [sic] a deceased a pensioner of the United States died in the month of July 1822 or 1823<sup>2</sup> in the latter part of said month; that he left no widow; and that Bennett O'Neil and Johnston O'Neil are his children and only children and that they are both of age.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1818, for service as a private for 7 years in the Pennsylvania and Maryland Continental lines.]

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<sup>2</sup> Other documents in the file indicate that the veteran died July 4, 1821, place not stated