

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Obar (Obarr) S38973

fn19NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

10/23/10

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: August 28th 1818

This day before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts in & for the State of Tennessee now presiding in said County came Robert Obarr a citizen residing in the adjoining County Rhea who being first by me lawfully sworn to declare the truth & nothing but the truth touching his service in the Army of the United States in the time of the revolutionary War with a view to obtain a pension under the late act of Congress in that case made & provided, Declares & says sometime prior to the year 1777 in the County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina he enlisted with Captain Hall Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon, nicknamed "Hal Dixon"] of the 10th North Carolina Regiment for six months & after the expiration of that time he enlisted again for 12 months after the expiration of 12 months at the City of Charlestown he enlisted again for the War with the same Captain & in the same Regiment commanded by Colonel Nash [Frances Nash] shortly after his enlistment at Charleston which was as well as he remembers in the [year] 1777 – the Regiment to which he was attached was marched into the State of Pennsylvania Colonel Nash having been promoted Colonel Clark of North Carolina took command of the Regiment & his first Colonel Nash was killed at the Battle of Germantown then General Nash, he continued in service until the War ended & was for about five years in service a soldier of the Army of [indecipherable word] without losing one day's service that he remembers except a few weeks sickness in the Hospital at Charlestown: the memorable Battles in which he fought were the Battle of Germantown, Brandywine & Monmouth he was in many other skirmishes he can't recollect the half of them, he entered service as a Drummer being then a Boy, he was discharged in Caswell County in which he first enlisted. His discharge was in writing but has been long since lost & destroyed as he believes. He was entitled to 640 acres of land but was cheated out of it by a fraudulent transfer of his warrant. He has no other evidence of his service within his power.

He further says he is now about 60 years of age is crippled in the right shoulder so as to render him unable to perform hard labor & he has no means of subsistence but by his labor he has but very little property of any description & he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in need of assistance from his Country for support

S/ Robert Obar, R his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 13th May 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that, it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary war, that Robert OBar a private in Captain Dixon's Company of the first Regiment was in said service in the year 1777 for the war. The date of his discharge is not mentioned.

Given under my hand the date above
S/ Wm Hill

Schedule

State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: September Term 1822 seventh judicial Circuit

On this 23rd day of September 1822, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said circuit and so made by the statutes of the State Robert Obar aged 70 years, resident in Bledsoe County in said circuit who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: six years in the war of the American Revolution, in Captain Tilman Dixon's [sic, Tilghman Dixon's] company, in Colonel Clark's Regiment in the North Carolina line –

And, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and that I have no property either real or personal except one horse & cow & Calf and that I have no person in my family except my wife, whose age is 70 years and that I have no debts owing to me, and that I am incapable from age and infirmity of supporting myself by manual labor, and that my occupation is that of a farmer, or Tiller of the earth, and that I received a pension Certificate the 30th day of June 1819 – No. 12379 –

S/ Robert Obar, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing August 28, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]