

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Oldham S40220

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District of Pennsylvania and County of Franklin: SS

On this 8th day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of said County in the District aforesaid personally appeared Richard Oldham age sixty years resident in Washington Township County and district aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said Richard Oldham enlisted in Middlebrook in the State of Jersey in 1778 in the company commanded I Captain Henry Fauntleroy (who was afterwards killed) when Captain Fitzgerald [perhaps John Fitzgerald who was taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston may 12, 1780] took the command in the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Gaskins Nevel & Richard Parker & Wm Heth that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until in 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Glaster [Gloucester] in Virginia that he was at the battles of Monmouth [June 28 1778], Powles hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779], the siege of Charleston South Carolina and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ Richard Oldham, X his mark

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Archibald Bard

District of Pennsylvania Sct.

At a Court of Common Pleas held at Chambersburg in and for the County of Franklin & State of Pennsylvania on the 13th day of November 1820 before the Honorable John Read Esquire President and Archibald Bard & Isaac Eaton Esquires Judges of said Court, – Personally appeared in open Court, the said court being a Court of Record by the Constitution and Laws of Pennsylvania in and for the said County of Franklin, Richard Oldham age 62 years in March last, residing in Washington Township in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey in 1778 in the Company commanded by Captain Harry Foutelroy [sic] who was afterwards killed, when Captain Fitzgerald took the command of the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Gaskins Nevil, Richard Parker and Colonel Heth. – That he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States until sometime in the year 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Glaster in Virginia.

That he was at the battles of Monmouth, Poules hook, the siege of Charleston, And that he has lost his discharge and has no other evidence to prove his discharge except the depositions here unto subjoined, And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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. Declarant further states that he has no property whatever with the exception of his Clothing.

Sworn & subscribed in Open Court 13th November 1820

S/ John Findlay, Prothy.

S/ Richard Oldham, X his mark

I do hereby certify that Richard Oldham enlisted with Captain Henry Fonda Roy at Middlebrook in the State of Jersey in the year 1778 in the 5th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment that he served during the siege of Charleston South Carolina, and was taken prisoner there – further I have no knowledge of him. Given under my hand this 18th day of November 1820.

S/ Ro. Beale [Robert Beale]

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing June 8, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]