

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Overton S41928

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Original Claim

State of North Carolina, District of Edenton County of Pasquotank

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1825 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the County of Pasquotank Samuel Overton a free man of Colour, resident in said County aged Seventy six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first May 1820. That he the said Samuel Overton enlisted for the term of three years in the year 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Isaac Moore, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Dauge in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the death of Captain Moore, when a certain Devisha Davis [possibly Devotion Davis] commanded that he continued in the Service of the United States until the taking of Yorktown in Virginia [19 Oct 1781], when he was discharged in the City of Philadelphia in the year 1781, that he was at the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Charlestown S.C. [probably Siege of Charleston, 29 Mar - 12 May 1780] and at the taking of Yorktown in Virginia, and at the Battle of Germantown received two wounds. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension That as long as he was able he was desirous to maintain himself; but now he is to infirm to support himself and family by his labour; and in addition had the misfortune to loose all his property by fire in July, 1824. And in pursuance of the act of the first May 1820 I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 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 To wit one Cow and two shoats That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March the change in my property has been its loss by fire in July 1824. My family consists of my wife and Son David five years old Samuel hisXmark Overton

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Pasquotank County }

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1825 Samuel Overton a free man of Colour personally appeared before me Isaac Griffin one of the Justices of the peace for said County and after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Allmighty God deposes and says that there was a certain Caleb Overton in the company commanded by Captain Moore in the regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Dauge in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the continental establishment, at the same time that this deponent served in said Company, and that the following is the true schedule of the property consumed by fire in his house in July 1824. To wit 2 beds & furniture, which costed the Deponent \$34. Six flag bottom chairs, costed \$3. two tables costed \$1.50. 2 potts dutch oven, dresser, skillet, cost \$4.50 1 chest cost \$3 1 trunk cost \$4 1 bottle case \$3. – besides the Deponent's his familiar waring apparel, also 700 lb seed cotton 800 lb pork & bacon 50 bushels corn 100 lb hogs lard, all his crockery, knives & forks also \$154 in Bank notes Samuel hisXmark Overton

State of North Carolina Secretarys Office

I William Hill Secretary of state in & for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that "Lem'l Overton" a private

in Capt. Moore's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Reg't. was mustered on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1777 for the term of three years, and as nothing more is said of him it is supposed he served the term for which he enlisted. From reading the declaration of Sam'l. Overton now before me, dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 1825, it is believed that the persons who made up the rolls aforesaid, (which are said to have been made from official documents) committed an error in placing thereon the name of Lem'l. Overton instead of Sam'l. Overton.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh 5<sup>th</sup> April 1825/ Wm. Hill

It appears from a book in this Office that Peter Dauge served as a Lt. Colo. two & a half years in the revolutionary war.

Wm. Hill