

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Osman S4634

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State of Ohio Adams County: SS: Court of Common Pleas October Term 1832 –

On this twenty sixth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Charles Osmon (or Osmon) [sic] a resident of the County of Adams and State of Ohio, aged 70 years, 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. –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

That in April (he thinks about the first of it) in the year 1781, he entered the Service of the United States as a private in the Militia, under Captain Thomas Anderson, – that the Company rendezvoused at Winchester Virginia – Lieutenant Hornbeck (first name not recollected) was with his Company, does not recollect the name of his Ensign, – was under the command of Colonel William Dark [also spelled William Darke], and Major Michael Bedinger, as his field Officers. That he served during this tour the term of three months – that he was a Substitute for George Carothers who was drafted to perform a tour of three months service in the Militia – That he was marched from Wendover through Bowling green to Richmond – that during this period of his Service, he was one of a Scouting party that captured thirteen prisoners from a British War vessel lying in the bay of James River below Richmond – after which he was sent as one of a party to guard the said prisoners to Staunton Virginia. That he was discharged and returned home sometime in July – and after being at home a few days, he again entered the Service of the United States, in the Militia, as a Substitute John Hunter of Rockingham County Virginia under the command of Captain Richard Regan, don't recollect the names of his Lieutenants or Ensign, that his Company composed part of a Rifle Corps, or Regiment, under the command of Colonel Lewis, does not recollect his first name, and was under the command of General Morgan [presumably Daniel Morgan] during the most of this tour – That he entered on this tour in the month of July, was marched to Yorktown where he remained in the Service until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis Army on the 17th of October 1781 [sic, October 19, 1781], that he was present during the Siege, and at the Capture – That he served in this tour a few days more than three months, and was discharged soon after the Surrender of Cornwallis. –

That he again entered the militia Service under Captain Simrall (or Sumrall) Lieutenant Shannon (does not recollect their first names) – That the commencement of this service was about the last of April 1782, That he served this tour three months and 8 days; that he served as a substitute for his Father, who was drafted to perform a tour of three months Service – The duties of this tour were to guard the Prisoners taken at the capture of Cornwallis' Army, that he was stationed at Winchester barracks – That he was discharged after the term of three months & 8

days –

That he was born in the State of New Jersey on the 12th day of December 1761 – That he has a copy of his Father's family Record now in his possession; That he served as a Substitute in the Militia in each of the tours which he performed. That when he was called into service he resided with his Father in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia – That after the Revolutionary War he continued to reside in Hampshire County Virginia until the year 1805 – when he removed to Adams County in the State of Ohio where he now lives – that he does not recollect that there were any regular troops or officers with the troops where he Served during his first tour of Service – That he was under the Command of General Morgan during his 2nd tour, General Washington being Commander in Chief at the Siege of Yorktown – That there were no General Officers present in command where he was stationed during his 3rd tour – That the general Circumstances of his service as before stated, in his first tour, were to guard the Country against the marauding parties of the enemy in the lower part of Virginia – The object of the 2nd was to operate against the British under Lord Cornwallis – and of the 3rd to guard the British Prisoners taken at the Capture of Cornwallis –

That he received a discharge signed by Captain Thomas Anderson for the first tour which he performed, but which he has lost or it has been destroyed – That he does not recollect that any written discharge was given at the time the militia was disbanded after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis – That for his 3rd tour he received a discharge signed by Captain Simrall, which he presented to Colonel Smith of Winchester when he received his pay, which was retained by the Colonel as a voucher for the payment for his Services –

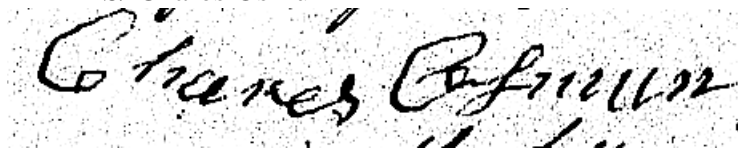
That Nathaniel Foster¹ was in the same company with him during part of his first tour, under the command of Captain Thomas Anderson, and besides he knows of no person whose testimony he can obtain by which he can prove his Services – That he served as before stated during his first tour at least 3 months – during his 2nd tour he served a little more than 3 months – and that during his 3rd tour he Served 3 months and 8 days – making in all at least nine months and for that time he claims a Pension –

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Darlinton, Clk

S/ Chares Osmun



After making the foregoing declaration the following Interrogatories were propounded by the Court in conformity with the Instructions of the War Department to wit –

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in the State of New Jersey (do not know the County, as my Father removed to the State of Virginia when I was quite young) – the time of my birth was the 12th December 1761

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have a copy of my Father's family record now in my possession –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

¹ FPA S16803

Answer – I was living when I entered the Service with my Father in Hampshire County Virginia, I lived there after the revolutionary war until the year 1805, when I removed to Adams County Ohio where I now reside –

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I was a Substitute during each tour that I was in the Service, and Served in the Militia – the first tour I was a Substitute for George Carothers of Hampshire County Virginia – The Second tour I was a Substitute for John Hunter of Rockingham County Virginia – And the 3rd tour I was a Substitute for my Father Jabez Osmom [sic] of Hampshire County Virginia

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – There were no regular Officers where I Served during my first tour, – At Yorktown, where I was the Second tour General Washington was Commander in chief, General Lafayette, General Wayne & General Morgan were also with the Army (I think) at that place – Colonel Lewis commanded the Rifle Regiment of which the Company that I was in formed a part – There were no regular officers with the troops where I was stationed during my 3rd tour, nor do I recollect that there were any Militia or Continental regiments where I was then stationed – The object of the first tour and the general duties then performed were to guard the Country from excursions of the enemy. The Second tour to operate against the British Army under Lord Cornwallis – and the third tour to guard the British prisoners taken at the Capture of Cornwallis' Army.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

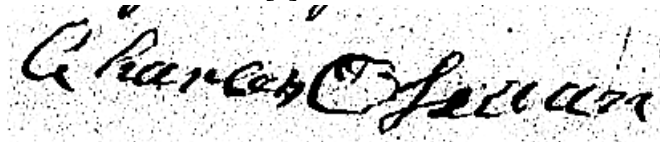
Answer – I received a discharge for my first term of Service from Captain Thomas Anderson, but have lost it, or it has by some means been destroyed so that I cannot now find it – I do not think that any written discharges were given to the troops, or militia with whom I served, when they were disbanded after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis' Army. – I received a discharge from Captain Simirall [sic] for the 3rd tour of service which I performed, but left it with Colonel Smith, from whom I received my pay, and I think it was By him as a voucher.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Nathaniel Foster was in the Company, part of the time, during my first term of service and the Reverend Christopher Wamsley, James Carson, Simon Fields, Thomas Burkett and Joseph Curry have all been acquainted with my character for many years –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Charles Osecean [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Osecean". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

The State of Ohio Adams County: SS

I Nathaniel Foster, aged seventy-three years, do certify that in April in the year 1781, I entered the Service in the Militia of the State of Virginia at the same time that Charles Osmon, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration: that I was with him in the same

Company a part of the tour, but was afterwards attached to a rifle Company commanded by Captain Stump, and was removed to a different Service – That I was well acquainted with the fact of Charles Osmons Service for the part of the term which she is said to have served during my Continuance in the Company with him –

S/ Nathaniel Foster

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathaniel Foster". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 8 days in the Virginia militia.]