

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Overby S4641

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State of Tennessee Carter County: September Term 1832

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court being the Circuit Court of Carter County at the Court House in Elizabethton before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of said Court William Overby a resident citizen of said County aged seventy-seven 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, to which.

That he enlisted in the year 1778 he believes in the month of May in Guilford County North Carolina under Captain John Lock for the term of nine months and remained under Colonel Lytle Major Armstrong near Dan River until late in August of that year he believes the 27th day of August and at that time he reenlisted for nine months under said Captain Lock and was then furloughed until the first of March following but he was called on the first of December following to march to the South and then again entered the service under Captain Lock and then marched to the Savannah and then to Augusta in Georgia and then to Charleston South Carolina still under Colonel Lytle they joined General Lincoln at Savannah and marched with him to Augusta. From Augusta 300 troops this applicant with them were sent to Fort Moultrie to reinforce General Moultrie but they did not reach General Moultrie until the night after he got to Charleston the British having driven him to that place. Part of the reinforcement sent to General Moultrie then went to sea this applicant amongst them and they were out at sea six weeks and took three vessels laden with victuals and ammunition for the British Army the ammunition ship was blown up the long boat from the American ship being alongside the British ship when she blew up but the boat's crew were not hurt Captain How commanded the ship in which this applicant served. He then returned to Charleston and marched under General Lincoln Colonel Lytle Majors Armstrong and Dixon Captain Lock to Stono where they fought the British, he was in the Battle. Both armies then moved to Blewford [sic, Beaufort] and there the time of this Applicant was up and they then returned with the prisoners to Salisbury where they left three hundred prisoners who were Tories, he then went home to Guilford. He returned to Guilford in August and served as a regular soldier about 12 months or perhaps more.

He has not any witness to prove his service except the affidavits of Benjamin White and

Emanuel Jenkins hereto annexed. And he hereby are relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or its Agency. He further states he is poor and totally blind and he has not any documentary evidence to establish his service.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the date above.

S/ William Overby, X his mark

P. S. he got a discharge at Guilford from Colonel Lytle but the same is long ago lost and cannot now be produced

Test: S/. A. M. Carter, Clk

[Benjamin White and Emanuel Jenkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Carter County: On this 16th day of August 1833 Personally appeared before me John Richardson one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County William Overby & made oath in explanation of his original Declaration, that he was born in the County of Dunwoodie [sic, Dinwiddie] in the State of Virginia on the 17th day of July 1756 according to the traditionary account given, but he has no record evidence thereof – That there is no Minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the War Department, but that Benjamin White & Emanuel Jenkins our citizens who know him & have testified as to reputation of his service –

That as to his [indecipherable word, could be "identity"] – he can state as in the Postscript to his original declaration that Colonel Lytle gave him his discharge & drew his money for him, & the within certificate is fully confirmatory thereof.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the date above.

Test: S/ John Richardson, JP

S/ William Overby, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from a book of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and this Office that William Overby a private of the line of this State was allowed as such the sum of forty pounds ten shillings & ten pence (£40.10.10) and that his said claim was drawn by A. Lytle.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of February 1833

S/ Wm Hill

The name of William Overby does not appear on the musterrolls, the above certificate is given as the best evidence of his services which this Office affords.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of February 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]