

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Oliver S5859

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Virginia Caroline County Sct.

John Oliver a resident of the United States in the County of Caroline, in the State of Virginia aged 76 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 the 7th of June 1832.

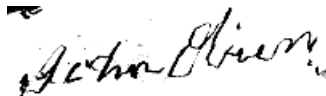
That in the year 1780 he entered the service of the Country in the war of the Revolution by a draft upon the militia of Caroline County & was attached to the Company commanded by Captain John Fitzhugh & the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Temple to serve for two months. He marched to Williamsburg & acted as a guard up & down the River in which service he was engaged until his time expired & he was discharged. He was again drafted in the same year & was attached to the company commanded by Captain D. Jamison [David Jameson]. He was marched to Williamsburg and was attached to the Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Mathews & Major Armistead – He was engaged in keeping guard until he was discharged having served out his whole tour of two months –

In the year 1781 he was again drafted in the militia from the County & was attached to the Company commanded by Captain John Fitzhugh. He was marched to the County of Gloucester [Gloucester], whilst here General Weedon [George Weedon] made a requisition for volunteers & he volunteered in a Company commanded Captain Syson [?] or Cisen in which service he remained – commanded by Colonel Mercer from Freds burg [? Fredericksburg?]. He was in an engagement at a place called Sowel's where we lost a few men & killed 15 of the enemy – he stayed in Gloucester until the Ridge Army surrendered at York Town after which he was discharged having performed his whole tour of 2 months.

The field officers whom he knew were General Weedon, Colonel Mathews, Major Page & Campbell. He served a part of this time with William Southworth and Joseph N. Dicken of this County whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

He is well acquainted with Lewis George, Major Philip Samuel, Colonel Booth Brown & Colonel Archibald Samuel of this County. He has resided in this County all his life & has a register of his age in his family Bible. He has no documentary evidence to prove his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 11th day of March 1833.

S/ John Oliver



[Spilsbe Woolfolk, a clergyman and William C Burruss gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Caroline County to wit

William Southworth¹ and Joseph N Dicken² personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Caroline and made oath that they served in the militia from the County of Caroline in the revolutionary war with John Oliver as he has stated in the foregoing declaration And I do hereby certify that the said William Southworth & Joseph N Dicken are entitled to credit for the state months which they have herein made. Given under my hand this 14th day of January 1833

S/ A. Coleman, JP

Virginia Caroline County to wit

John Oliver personally appeared before the County Court of Caroline on the 7th day of July 1833 and by way of supplement & amendment to the full born declaration he states on oath that he was engaged as a private soldier in the militia of Caroline County State of Virginia in the war of the Revolution for a period of six months at least. He has no documentary evidence to prove his services – but relies upon the affidavit of William Southworth & Joseph N Dicken Benjamin Hurt & [name written over and obliterated so as to be illegible] to establish the same for the whole or the greater part of the time.

S/ John Oliver

Caroline County SS

William Southworth, Joseph N Dicken, Benjamin Hurt³ & William Gatewood⁴ personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Caroline & made oath that they are all served during the war of the Revolution as privates of Militia with John Oliver. The said William South worth that he served a tour of 2 months under Captain John Fitzhugh & was stationed at Williamsburg at which place & about which place they served out the tour & were discharged. The said Joseph N Dicken that he served a tour of two months with said John Oliver under the command of Captain [first name written over and illegible] Baynham [Gregory Baynham] at & about Williamsburg where they were discharged. The said Benjamin Hurt that he served a tour of two months under Captain Fitzhugh in Gloucester County in the year 1781 & were discharged. The said William Gatewood that he served two tours with said John Oliver in the year 1781 under Captain Baynham & Captain Tompkins [Francis or Robert Tompkins] the said Oliver being attacked in one of the tours

to and the Company [sic??] Given under my hand & seal this 8th of July 1833

S/ Alex" Chapman, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia as a private.]

¹ [William Southworth W6141](#)

² FPA R2948

³ Sic, William Hurst FPA W27878

⁴ FPA S17968