

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Olive Branch S8101

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State of virginia: At a court held for Buckingham county the 10th day of December 1832 On this day personally appeared in Open Court, Olive Branch a resident of said county and state of virginia aged seventy two 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 as a volunteer in the Militia under Robert Adams, Capt. of the volunteer militia from Bedford county virginia and marched to Montgomery county virginia to guard the Lead mines [at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] from hostile Indians and under the command of Colo Henry Lynch, at which place he served a full tour of three months, also as a volunteer under said Robert Adams Capt. of the volunteer militia from said Bedford county Va. and marched to the town of Petersburg Va. and under the command of said Colo Henry Lynch [sic: Charles Lynch], where he and the company to which he belonged was put under the command of General [Robert] Lawson where he served a full tour of three months, and was discharged by Capt Robert Adams at both of the aforesaid places. also as a substitute from [for] John Goggins in Capt John Poindexters [probably Joseph Poindexter's] company and marched to Portsmouth Va. and there command by Colo. Meriwether and General Mewlinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], where he served three months and was discharged by Capt. John Poindexter, where he served with the Rockbridge Mounted Riflemen, and the troops of South and North Carolina, and he was also drafted from the county of Bedford Va. and marched to Little York under the command of Colo [William] Leftwich from Bedford County, and whilst at Little York Commanded by General George Washington and there served about three months or more, and was there at the Seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and then made quarter master and marched to Winchester Barracks Va with Cornwallis' Infantry, which service was one month and a few days and there discharged by Colo [Samuel] Vance; and further states that there are no living witness within his knowledge by whom he can prove the tours of Petersburg and Portsmouth, and was born in the county of Chesterfield in the state of Virginia, and moved to the county of Campbell (then Bedford) Va. about the age of fourteen years, and has the register of his age which he took from the family Bible, which shows he was born in the year 1760; and all his discharges have been lost or mislaid from lapse of time, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

[signed] Olive Branch

I do hereby certify that I served a Tour of three months, at the Lead mines, then Montgomery now Wyth County virginia, under capt Robert Adams, and commanded by Colo. Henry Lynch, and marched from then Bedford County (and now Campbell county Virginia, in which company Olive Branch served with me a Tour of three months and we were discharged by Capt Robt. Adams I do not recollect the month or year that we were discharged, but it was between the years 1775 & 1779. I believe the said Olive Branch to be seventy two years of age as stated by him.

[signed 3 Sep 1832] James Wooldridge [pension application S11884]

State of Virginia. At a court held for Buckingham county the 14 day of October 1833.

On this day personally appeared in open court Olive Branch a resident of this county, who by way of amendment to his declaration made in this court on the 10th of December 1832, further declares on oath that as to the precise time over and above the term of three months which he served at little York, he cannot with certainty say, therefore must fix the term of service at that place at three months, and his term

of service in traveling from little York to Winchester barracks and whilst at the last mentioned place, he must fix at one month and ten days or not less. As to the particular periods of entering the service and leaving the same it is impossible for the declarant to state with more precision. After the revolution he moved to the county of Buckingham Va. where he now lives, and where he has resided ever since he moved to said county. The declarant since presenting his original declaration has discovered one other witness (William Rosser [pension application W29945]) by whom he proves another tour of three months served at Petersburg Va. which witness this declarant had reasons to believe was dead at the time he presented his original, but the other tour of three months served at Portsmouth Va. mentioned in his original, there is no living witness now known to him by whom he can prove the term of service.

[signed] Olive Branch

Campbell County to wit

I William Rosser of the County of Campbell and state of Virginia do hereby certify that in the year 1780 I enlisted (together with Oliver Branch and at that time both of us residents of then Bedford now Campbell County in the aforesaid state) under Capt. Robert Adams, Leut. Charles Lynch, Ensign Mathew Arthur, Colo Charles Lynch Senr. Comm'd. of the Regiment. We redevousied at Maj Ward's on Staunton river in the aforesaid state and there continued until we were ordered to the neighbourhood of Petersburg on Old Town Creek and continued there 'till discharged making a term of service of three months. That the above named Oliver Branch is now & has been for a length of time a resident of the county of Buckingham in the aforesaid state Given under my hand this 2^d day of August 1833

[signed] William Rosser