

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Oliver S8906

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: SS

On this first day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of pleas & quarter sessions in and for the County & State aforesaid now sitting George Oliver a resident [of] the County of Lincoln aforesaid & of the State of North Carolina aforesaid aged 72 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 into the service of the United States as a private of the militia under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service in the month of October in the year 1778 in the County of Guilford North Carolina under the command of General Lincoln Colonel Saxton and Captain Raford. That he marched from Guilford through Salisbury to the Ten Mile House from Charleston South Carolina from thence to a little town on Savannah River called Purrysburg from thence to Charleston and continued there until after the battle of Stono he continued in the service of the United States for the space of nine months, but he lay in Charleston in the Hospital for some time & if that was taken into the calculation he was in the service upwards of eleven months before he got his discharge. He was in a small engagement at the Savannah River & was in several skirmishes on the way to Charleston. He entered said service as a volunteer.<sup>#</sup> He has now no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person within a convenient distance whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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 the agency of any State or the Agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed

Test: S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S George Oliver, X his mark

[B. T. Kirby, a clergyman and Robert Berry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories propounded by the Court to George Oliver

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Prince Edward County in Virginia in the year 1760 –

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

Ans. I have not

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

Ans. In Guilford County North Carolina – in Mecklenburg & Lincoln North Carolina & I now live in Lincoln –

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

Ans. I was a volunteer as before stated.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ans. I have stated their names & the circumstances of my service in the above declaration. –

[6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?][this interrogatory was not put to the veteran]

7<sup>th</sup> 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. B. T. Kirby, a clergyman, & Robert Barry

S/ George Oliver, X his mark

# He further states that about the year after he returned home from his first service he volunteered again & entered the service of the United States in Guilford County & served two months under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & under Captain Cook & was in the battle of Guilford. He then volunteered as a guard for Governor Martin at the seat of government in North Carolina & served one month under Captain Gates. He again volunteered & served another month under Captain Samuel Henderson in the 18 months service & then hired a certain Thomas Wilson a substitute who served about three or four months & in the war ended. This statement he omitted in the foregoing declaration.

Test: S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S George Oliver, X her his mark

[Facts in file: veteran died October 24, 1844 survived by the following children, William, George, John, Elizabeth Armstrong, Sarah Boyd, Mary Bollinger, Harriet Oliver, Pleasant Oliver and Gamma David. In 1853 Sarah Boyd and Harriet Oliver lived in Gaston County North Carolina. In 1853, Sarah Boyd, Harriet Oliver and Elizabeth Armstrong were the only children said to be still surviving.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina State Troops.]