

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alva Oliver S8907

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Halifax County now sitting, Alva Oliver, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 69 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 June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1779 or 1780 he volunteered in the militia at the Bolinggreen [Bowling Green] in the County of Caroline & State of Virginia under the command of Captain Josiah Richardson, marching from said Village crossing James River to Cabin Point from thence to Mackey's Mills from thence to Petersburg and was discharged there and served in that tour seven weeks. That a second time he substituted for William Tinsley in the Militia at the White Chimneys under Captain George Tyler and marched to Williamsburg and was sent as a picket to Burrell's ferry [Burwell's Ferry] on James River a few days before the British landed at that place and from thence to Richmond and was discharged at that place and served seven weeks and that tour. That a third time he volunteered in the Militia under Captain Thomas Haws and was sent to guard munitions at a Brick Church and served five weeks there. That a fourth time at a drafting of the militia at the Bowling Green he volunteered and marched under Captain William Marshall and Lieutenant Benjamin Winn to the Morben Hills [Malvern Hills], and from thence to West Point and from thence to White's old field and was discharged and served in that tour, ten weeks. That a fifth time he served under Captain John Chiles collecting beeves and carrying them to York town for the support of the Army and served five weeks that tour, that he has no documentary evidence of his services that if he had any discharges he does not know where they are, that he knows of no living person by whom he can prove his Services, that he knows of no clergyman in the neighborhood convenient – that he was born in Caroline County Virginia in the year 1764, that he has no record of his age, his father's register was burnt in his brother-in-law's house, that he was living in Caroline County when called in the Service, have lived in Halifax County since the Revolutionary War and do now live in the same – that he knew no regular officers or Continental and Virginia Regiments except General Weden [George Weedon]. That Frances Brandon, Thomas Brandon, Jacob Vanhook and Isham S. Vaughan by whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his Character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, that 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.

S/ Alva Oliver¹

[Robert Stanfield hand Francis Brandon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 7 months and 23 days.]

¹ I do not believe that the signature is that of the actual veteran because the hand writing is identical to the balance of the document