

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Osborn S8912

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State of North Carolina Ash [Ashe] County

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting Jonathan Osburn [sic] aged eighty years the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February next a resident of Ash [sic] County North Carolina 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – He was living in Montgomery now Grayson County Virginia – in the same year that our Independence [Independence] was declared when the Cherokee Indians broke out, his brother Enoch Osburn was a Captain of militia and received orders for a draft. When the Company among whom was the affiant volunteered he was stationed for three months at the Forts on New River his brother Enoch commanded – from thence after the expiration of three months we were marched to meet the force of Cherokee & Captain Shelby at the Long Islands of Holston [River]. We joined them, the North Carolina militia were commanded by Colonel Williams and Major Winston. We marched into the Indian Country, but some of their Towns, the others having capitulated – we returned 3 months afterwards, he having been engaged 6 months. He never got any discharge in writing. He was afterwards in many expeditions against the Tories which he was but a short time engaged each time.

He was born in the forks of the Yadkin Rowan County he removed from there to the Hollow of Surry County in his youth, in the Hollow he resided a few years when his father removed to Montgomery now (Grayson) Virginia where he this affiant was 63 years on one place until 3 years since when he moved to Ash (this County) where he has resided ever since. He has no written record of his age. When called into service he lived in Montgomery (Grayson). I refer to my neighbors the Reverend Joseph Plummer, Wells Blevins, Joshua Cox as to my character.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan Osborn, O his mark

[Joseph Plummer, a clergyman, and Joshua Cox & Wells Blevins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Nathan Blevins do hereby certify that I well remember that Jonathan Osburn was out with an uncle of mine in the expedition against the Cherokees in the year he states.

S/ Nathan Blevins, X his mark

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