

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Palmer<sup>1</sup> S8928

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### State of Ohio Belmont County

On this twenty-five day of November A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Belmont State of Ohio personally appeared John Palmer aged fifty-nine years on the 4th day of January 1818, resident in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said John Palmer was drafted in Loudon [Loudoun] County Virginia sometime in the month of October 1780 for the term of eighteen months – That he marched under Captain Hordage Lain [Hardage Lane] to Fredericksburg, and there joined the regular troops, Commanded by Captain Marshall who marched him to Chesterfield Courthouse State of Virginia – there he joined the company commanded by Captain Samuel Seldon, then he was marched to the Hanging rock and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army at which time and place he was enrolled in the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Haws [probably Samuel Hawes]. That he continued to serve in the service of the United States until the 29th of October in the year 1782, when he was discharged by General Green by a written discharge at Ashley Hill in the State of South Carolina on the 29th of October 1782 which discharge he gave to James MacElhaney [James McIlhaney] to draw his pay at Richmond, that the said James died some year afterwards and that he never [indecipherable word or words] could obtain his discharge as he was informed by the said James that it was mislaid and could not therefore find it; that he was in the battles of Gilford [Guilford] Courthouse [March 15, 1781] North Carolina, in the battle at Camblin [probably a mistaken reference to the second battle of Camden or the battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] South Carolina, in the Battle of Eutay Springs [battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]; – that about 8 or 9 days after said battle of Eutay Springs he was taken a prisoner by the Tories on the 17th of September 1781 and was kept on board the ship *Ekes* [*Eske*] at Charlestown [Charleston] South Carolina until the 24th day of the month of October 1782 when he was exchanged – And that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service –

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Wiley, Associate Judge Belmont Ohio

[f pp. 11-15; a series of affidavits dated in 1819 given in Belmont County, Ohio, by Aaron

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<sup>1</sup> See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050 129 Not Half Pay John Palmer

Bornham, George Brown and William Pain each of who testified that they knew of their own knowledge that Palmer served in the Continental Army for 18 months. Known stated that their knowledge was based on having served with Palmer. Further, I found no federal pension applications filed by veterans of those names for service in Virginia who ever lived in Belmont County, Ohio.]

[Note: I did not see in the file an application and schedule of property as required by the act of May 1, 1820. The veteran may have been stricken from the pension list for failure to file that application and schedule.]

[f p. 14]

State of Ohio Holmes County: Court of Common Pleas

Personally appeared in open Court John Palmer who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he has heretofore proven his services as a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States and was placed on the pension list roll of the Ohio agency and drew a pension at Chillicothe in the years of 1818 and 1819 – and was stricken from the list in consequence of owning a small piece of property under the act of Congress of 1820 – That he served as a private in the Company commanded by Captain Seldon 1st Virginia Regiment Colonel Samuel Haws.

S/ John Palmer, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed this 8th day of October A.D. 1832.

[f p. 5: Application for a transfer of his pension benefit filed October 2, 1847 in Belmont County Ohio by John Palmer in which he states he has been receiving his pension in the agency at Pittsburgh Pennsylvania but has moved to the County of Belmont Ohio and wishes his pension to be made payable at the agency in the city of Wheeling Virginia; that he has moved to Belmont County Ohio because he has children residing in that County and that he is aged, infirm and blind and once to spend the balance of his days with his said children. This application was signed with his mark.]

[Veteran was originally pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 23, 1818 . Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 increased from \$60 per annum, for service as a private in the Virginia service.]