

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Osborn S9446

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State of South Carolina Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On this 15 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before his Honor Richard Gant [Richard Gantt] one of the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting John Orsborne [sic] a resident of Lawrence District South Carolina aged seventy 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, viz. – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he entered the service of the US as a volunteer in the year 1781 under Captain James Holloway & in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Speed: was at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and served a period of 5 months; was then permitted to return home but did not receive any discharge. He afterwards went into service as a substitute for one James Watkins under Captain John Thompson and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Clement Reed; was at the siege of York; and served a period of about 3 months, was then permitted to return home but received no discharge. He was a resident of Charlotte County State of Virginia when he entered the service. He has no documentary evidence & is not acquainted with any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services.

I hereby are relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except [the present] & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

I was born in Amelia County Virginia in the year 1762

I have no record of my age

I was living in Charlotte County Virginia when I entered the service, removed to Laurens District South Carolina about the year __ where I have lived ever since –

The first period of 5 months I entered & served as a Volunteer, the 2nd as a substitute for one James Watkins & served about 3 months –

I have no recollection of the names of any of the regular officers or of Continental or militia regiments

I received no discharge

The Reverend Joseph Babb and Charles Allen all persons acquainted with me in my neighborhood & can testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior. I know of no person who can testify as to my revolutionary [services].

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Richard Gantt

S/ John Osborne, X his mark

[Joseph Babb, a clergyman, and Charles Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 8 months.]