

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Oliver¹ W26593

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State of Ohio County of Jackson, SS

On this Eighth day of July, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas at the July Term of said Court, Thomas Oliver a resident of Jackson County Township of Madison and State of Ohio, aged Seventy years last May, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States he believes in the year 1779 for three years with Captain Beddinger in Berkeley County Virginia, and served in the 6th Regiment of the Virginia Continental line under the following named officers, to wit, The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Samuel Hawes, and under the General command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], his Captain was ___ Kirkpatrick, he continued in the Service until after Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], he thinks in the summer following and was Discharged by General Muhlenberg at Winchester Barracks in Frederick County Virginia, which discharge he believes [one or more indecipherable words] out in his possession, he resided in Berkeley County Virginia at the time of enlistment and was marched to South Carolina, was in some skirmishes with the British light horse, but was in no actual Battle, was marched back to Winchester to guard Prisoners, and was again [page break; seems that one or more pages might be missing from this application in both the Fold3.com and HeritageQuest.com versions of this file] he was again marched to South Carolina and was again placed as a guard over prisoners and marched them back to Winchester Virginia, at which place and occupation he continued until discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State.

S/ Thomas Oliver, X his mark

[f p. 16: On October 10, 1853 in Jackson County Ohio, Eleanor Oliver, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Oliver late of said County, deceased, who was a pensioner of the United States under the 1832 act; that she married him December 3rd, 1827 in Galleon County Ohio; that her husband died in Jackson County Ohio February 23rd, 1844 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 13: Certified copy of the records in Galleon County of Ohio indicating the marriage of

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Thomas Oliver and Elizabeth Spriggs December 3, 1827.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]