

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Oliver<sup>1</sup> W2686

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State of Missouri County of Platte: SS

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1852 personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas in and for the City of Weston, in the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver, Aged 78 years, a resident of the County and State above mentioned who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, according to the best of her knowledge and belief make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1848, entitled "An act granting pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of the identical John Oliver who was a Private in Captain Mark Thomas or Captain Benjamin Roberts Company in the Virginia State line Service in the War of the Revolution, in the Infantry Battalion or Regiment commanded by Colonel Slaughter, that he enlisted or volunteered in the County of Stafford in the State of Virginia where he then resided as she believes, sometime in the [year] 1799 and after entering into the service of the United States as aforesaid he marched to and was stationed at the Falls of the Ohio River, now Louisville Kentucky, for about two years, to wit 1780 & '81 after which he was regularly Discharge, and returned to the State [of] Virginia where his parents still resided. She further declares that the foregoing statements are made upon the information imparted to her by her said husband during his lifetime in conversation with her and his children and others. She also further declares more particularly and of her own knowledge that she was lawfully married to said John Oliver on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1794 in Spotsylvania County in the State of Virginia by the Reverend Jeremiah Chandler a Baptist Clergyman as will more fully appear by record proof hereto annexed and asked to be taken as a part of this application, that after the marriage as aforesaid she and her said husband removed to the State of Kentucky and settled in the County of Woodford in the fall of the year 1803 afterwards removed to Fayette County in the last mentioned state where they resided permanently until the death of her said husband which occurred on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1825. She further declares that she is now a widow and has been ever since the death of her said husband John Oliver, Deceased, that she has never made application to receive a Pension from the government of the United States but that about the second year after the death of her said husband, viz. in the year A.D. 1827 papers were made out going to establish the claim for pension and was placed in the hands of one Mr. Triplett a lawyer of Frankfort Kentucky for presentation at the proper Department but that said Triplett in a short time after receiving said claim and before presentation, died, as applicant is informed and believes and that the papers could not be recovered although efforts were made so to do and that

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in losing said papers much valuable testimony was lost, that cannot now be procured, that one Benjamin Roberts then and at that time residing in Henry County Kentucky as well as affiant remembers testified to the effect that he had known her said husband while he was engaged in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, but that said Benjamin Roberts also died about the same time said Triplett died as she is informed and believes.

S/ Elisabeth Oliver



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State of Missouri County of Platte: SS: Be it further known that before me the undersigned Judge of the Court aforesaid personally appeared Philadelphia Oxley, formerly Philadelphia Oliver, Daughter of John and Elizabeth Oliver, aged 57 years and Elizabeth Oliver, the applicant, and made oath in due form of law that the family Bible, now here produce for examination from the Records of which a transcript is to be made, is now and has been according to the best of their recollection, ever since the year of our Lord 1812 the family Bible of the family of John Oliver Deceased, and that the original Record was made by Thomas True in the year 1812 from an old Bible, from which was recorded the present Record by James H Oliver of Cincinnati in whose hand writing it is and that this Bible has been in the hands of Elizabeth Oliver ever since the death of her said husband John Oliver Deceased the original of a part of which Record (I certify the following to be a true copy: viz.:

"Family Register"

Births

John Oliver son of John Oliver and Ann (Sharp) Oliver was born in Caroline County Virginia January 20<sup>th</sup> 1761

Elizabeth Oliver wife of John Oliver, and daughter of John and Philadelphia (Gholson) True, was born in Spotsylvania County Virginia August 18<sup>th</sup> 1774.

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Marriages

John Oliver was married to Elizabeth True by the Reverend Jeremiah Chandler in Spotsylvania County Virginia March 31<sup>st</sup> 1794

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Deaths

John Oliver Senior died in Fayette County Kentucky October 4<sup>th</sup> 1825 aged 64 years 8 months and 16 days."

Copy of which is expressed on the record in a fair legible hand the figures plain and distinct, and further the said Elizabeth Oliver saith not, but the said Philadelphia Oxley further declares that often during the lifetime of her Father John Oliver Deceased she heard him in substance say what is represented and set forth in her mother's application for Pension, but that she does not know of it of her own knowledge, except as far as concerns the papers that were made out about the 2<sup>nd</sup> year after her Father's death and put in the hands of Thomas Triplett of Kentucky as she is informed and believes and that she also knows that her mother has remained a widow ever since the death of John Oliver her (affiant's) father, further she saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1852

*Philadelphia clerk*

*Elizabeth Oliver*

[f p. 13: certified copy of the record given by Jeremiah Chandler of his having married John Oliver and Elizabeth True on may the 14<sup>th</sup> 1794. Certified by the clerk of court of Spotsylvania Virginia April 8, 1852.]

[f p. 15: On April 2, 1852 in Coles County Illinois, John True gave testimony that he is the brother of Elizabeth Oliver widow of John Oliver; that he was present at their marriage in Spotsylvania County Virginia in March 1784; that John Oliver died in October 1824 or 1825 in Fayette County Kentucky; that he heard the veteran discuss his services during the revolution and that he verily believes the veteran served as stated in the widow's application.]

[f p. 18: On April 5, 1852 in Cumberland County Illinois, Thomas True, gave testimony that he is the brother of Elizabeth Oliver; that his sister married Thomas Oliver in Spotsylvania County on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1794.]

[f p. 20: On May 24, 1852 in Hamilton County Ohio, James H Oliver a resident of Cincinnati gave testimony that he is the son of John & Elizabeth Oliver; that his father was a resident of Fayette County Kentucky at the time of his death on October 4, 1825; that he, James H Oliver, was in the 16<sup>th</sup> year of his age when his father died; that he often heard his father speak of his service as a private in the revolutionary war at the falls of the Ohio; that about 2 years after his father's death testimony was obtained from one Captain Ben Roberts then residing in Henry County Kentucky (the affiant thinks) to the effect that Ben Roberts was personally acquainted with John Oliver and that he faithfully performed his service as a private during his full term.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1848.]

[Note: Leon Harris points out in his transcript of the application of [Callam Baily S12947](#) that papers relating to Elizabeth Oliver's claim are erroneously included in that file. I looked at those papers and determined that they contained no material additional information relating to either the veteran's service or family data.]