

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

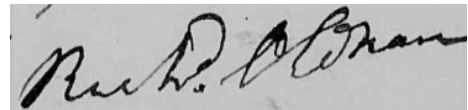
Pension Application of Richard Oldham W6887 Patsey Oldham NC
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Madison County } Sct

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Will. Goodloe Jas. Dejarnett & Geo. Alcom justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting Richard Oldham a resident of said County aged 70 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in 1777 in Caswell County North Carolina he volunteered & served a three months Tour in the Militia under Capt Waddy Tate [Wadell Tate] – Colo. Will. Moore [William Moore] Command. We were marched to Cambden [Camden SC?] & there staid with Gen. [William Lee] Davidson till the tour was out – after this he performed as a volunteer two tours more in the militia of three months each – went from same County in N.C. – Capt. John Oldham was his Capt in both tours – Colo Moore was Colo – Gen [John] Butler Command't – These two tours were performed immediately after the first — afterwards when [Gen. Horatio] Gates was in the South & the year of his defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] he served a fourth tour of six months under James Wilson Capt – went from same County – was out not less than six months in this tour – after Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] came to the South [2 Dec 1781] he served a fifth tour under the same Capt. John Oldham – in this tour he carried an express from Genl. Green at Guilford Court House to Boyd's Ferry on Dan River [in Halifax County VA] to have Boats ready for crossing his army [on 14 Feb 1781] – was at the Battle at Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] & was at the defeat of Colo Piles [sic: Col. Dr. John Pyle, 25 Feb 1781], who headed the Tories – Colo [Henry] Lee was there – continued to serve till after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] He is confident that he was in actual service 2 years or more – He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services – but can prove them by Rich'd. Oldham Sen'r [pension application S14053] & Hezekiah Oldham – & Lawrence Thompson [Laurence Thomson, R10546], a Capt. of the Revolution.

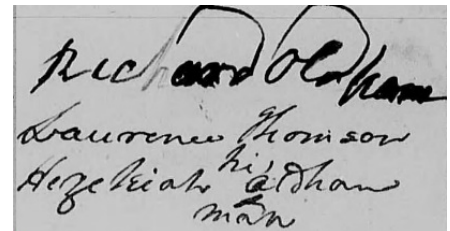
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid



We Lawrence Thompson, Richard Oldham Senr and Hezekiah Oldham residents of Madison County afors'd. except Rich'd. Oldham, who is resident of Estill County, Ken'y, do hereby certify that we are & have long been acquainted with Rich'd. Oldham who has subscribed & sworn to the forgoing declaration – that we believe him to be 70 years of age. We further certify that we knew him in the Revolutionary War, & that he was a soldier of the Revolution & from our personal knowledge of him during the Revolution & of his services we believe his declaration true & that he served as therein stated . We believe he was in service two years.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afors'd



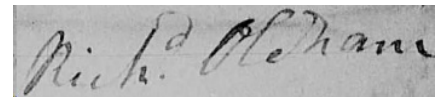
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I Lawrence Thompson of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that I shall be eighty years of age in Dec'r next – that I was a Lieutenant & Capt. in the Army of the Revolution in 1775 6-7 & part of 1778 that I have known Capt. Richard Oldham of the County of Madison aforesaid ever since he was a child – that I knew him in Orange & afterwards in Caswell County North Carolina. I know that in 1777 & from that on till the close of the Revolutionary War he was frequently out as a volunteer in the Militia from North Carolina – that I knew Capt. Tate of North Carolina & that said Oldham was in his Company a considerable time – I also knew Capt John Oldham, who was a Capt in the Militia form N. Carolina – & [illegible word] said Rich'd. Oldham was out in the Militia a considerable time under him – I cannot state the exact times that said Oldham was out, but have no doubt from the best of my recollection that he must have served two years – he was always called a good soldier & has always sustained a fair character – I lived & was born in Orange County N.C. where said Oldham was born – when Orange was divided, said Oldham fell into Caswell County – I know Rich'd. Oldham of Estill County & Hezekiah Oldham of Madison County, who with me attached our certificate to the original Declaration of said Capt. [sic] Rich'd Oldham – they are both very respectable men – said Rich'd. is a very aged man, near ninety and as I have always understood was a Soldier of the Revolution. Said Hezekiah is also a man seventy years of age.

Lawrence Thompson

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On this 7th January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Madison County Court now sitting Richard Oldham a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, supplementary to his Declaration made in this Court on the 13 day August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 He states that in consequence of age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot detail much more particularly his service as a soldier of the Revolution than he has done in his original Declaration. He feels confident that he served the number of tours stated in his original Declaration – he is also confident that he served as a private in the militia during the Revolutionary War more than two years & for which service he claims a pension – that he was never Drafted but always served as a volunteer – that the first tour he was out was generally against the Tories. He well recollects being at the battle at Whitesells Mill [Wetzel's Mill in Guilford County NC, 6 Mar 1781]. John Oldham was his Capt & Colo Will Moore his Colonel. He was also at Briant's Defeat on the Yad River at the Shallow Ford [sic: Skirmish at the Shallow Ford of Yadkin River 10 mi W of Winston Salem NC, where Loyalist Capt. James Bryan was killed, 14 Oct 1780] – Marched all night from Sloan's Ferry on the Yadkin to get there. Dudley Runnels [Dudley Reynolds] was his Capt there – went under him from head quarters till his return. This was sometime before the Battle of Guilford, but cannot state the year. He was born in Caswell County North Carolina in 1763 14th May. He has in his possession a record of his age taken from one made by his Father. He lived in Caswell County when he went into the service & lived there till he moved to Kentucky in 1788 where he has ever since resided in Madison Count. He does not recollect having ever received any written discharges – has none now. He states that Capt Lawrence Thompson of Madison has been his neighbour for many years & known him from a Boy – that he & Richard Oldham Sen of Estill County can & have certified as to his services. Josiah Collins & Richard Gentry have also long known & can testify concerning his character & the belief of his services.



NOTE: On 3 Feb 1853 Patsy Oldham, 72, of Platte County MO, applied for a pension stating that she married Richard Oldham in Madison County KY on 27 Jan 1803, and he died there 17 June 1836. In the

file is a copy of the minister's return by Henry Brooks for the marriage of Richard Oldham to Patsy Reid on 26 Jan 1803. On 8 Sep 1855 Patsy Oldham applied for bounty land, still giving her age as 72. The file contains a certificate of the death of Richard Oldham on 17 June 1836 signed by Nathaniel Oldham and James Wood.