

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Osborne (Ozburn, Ausburn) W892 Jane Osborne f38NC fo
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State of Tennessee Williamson County: Court of pleas & quarter sessions October Term 1832

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally [appeared] in open Court now sitting before us Nicholas Perkins, Wright Stanley and Jabez Owens Justices of the court of pleas & quarter sessions for Williamson County, Robert Ausburn a resident of Williamson County aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He first entered into Captain James Houston's company attached to Colonel Thomas Polk's Regiment whilst residing in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and in the month of October 1775 Colonel Polk about the time above mentioned marched us from Mecklenburg to the upper part of South Carolina against the Tories who were doing great damage to the country and people. After taking in one body 117 prisoners and defeating and dispersing the balance we were marched home to Mecklenburg where we arrived on Christmas Day 1775: and I received a discharge signed by Captain Houston.

And in the next place, I volunteered into Captain James Ausburn, my brother's company attached to Colonel Polk's Regiment whilst residing in Mecklenburg in the year 1776 and in the month of January. We were marched by Colonel Polk about the time named above to Cross Creek low down in North Carolina. This was an expedition against the Scotch Tories. Colonel Cazwell [sic, Caswell], I suppose commanding the South Carolina militia¹, was out in the same expedition. After the Tories had been defeated and put down we were marched back to Mecklenburg where we arrived sometime in April and I received a discharge for three months service signed by Captain Ausburn my Brother.

I next volunteered in the same year and in the month of July while living in the same County in Captain Neal Morrison's Company attached to Adam Alexander's Regiment. We were marched in July of 1776, I think on the 17th of July, on towards the Cherokee Towns on the Indian expedition. We marched to White Fort where Colonel Alexander continued some time. From thence we were marched to the head of the Catawby [sic, Catawba River] where we joined General Rutherford and his troops. General Rutherford then marched us to the Indian villages which we destroyed in a great measure. We were then marched back to Mecklenburg where we

¹ Sic, William and Richard Caswell were officers in the North Carolina militia, not the South Carolina militia as stated by this veteran.

arrived in the month of October 1776 and I received a discharge for three months service signed by my Captain.

When Cornwallis came up about Charlotte there was a call for troops to oppose him and I volunteered into Captain Lowry's company for a three months Tour. These were horse troops. In this tour I served under three different captains (viz.) Lowry, Graham and Harris. In consequence of the British being defeated at Kings Mountain Cornwallis soon after this tour commenced return towards Camden. After marching about in several expeditions I was discharged for three months service signed by Captain Harris.

I next while living in the same County volunteered into Captain James Ausburn's company again and into Colonel Ervin's Regiment. We were marched under Ervin in September 1781 to Wilmington then in the possession of the British. We encamped near the town and was prevented from attacking them in consequence of their sudden flight, caused I suppose by the news of Cornwallis's surrender. After this we were marched to Mecklenburg where we arrived a short time before my three months tour was expired. I received a discharge and I think for three months service signed by my Captain. All my discharges are lost, as I never suppose them of any value. I was born in Pennsylvania, York County in the year 1755, but settled with my father in Mecklenburg North Carolina before the war. I lived in Mecklenburg County Carol 1803 when I moved to Bucks County and after living there two years I came to Williamson County Tennessee where I have been living ever since and now live. I have no record of my age. I have no documentary [evidence] of my services. I am acquainted with Thomas D Porter, John Secrest and Robert Sawyers who can testify as to their belief of my services and as to my veracity.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency in any State. I recollect of no officers except those named.

Sworn to in open Court October ninth 1832

S/ Thos. Hardiman, [clerk]

S/ Robert Ausburn, X his mark

[Thomas D Porter, a clergyman, John Secrest and Nicholas Scales gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I John Secrest² do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Robert Ausburn for [illegible] years and saw him while in the service. I served in the Wilmington campaign with him and when I was under Colonel Smith I saw him in the service. I know him to be a man of veracity and that he faithfully fault for his Country. Sworn to and subscribed this the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court October ninth, 1832

S/ Thos. Hardeman, Clk

S/ John Secrest

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Secrest", written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: On this 8 day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County of Williamson Robert Ausburn

² [John Secrest S3875](#)

who being duly sworn depose and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

In the first tour mentioned in my original declaration for three months I served as a private volunteer.

Second tour mentioned, in my declaration, for three months I served as a private volunteer.

Third tour for three months, I served as a private volunteer.

Fourth tour, for three months I served as a private volunteer.

Fifth and last tour, for three months as a private volunteer, making in all 15 months and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Robert Ausburn, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Given under my hand and seal

S/ Nicholas Scales, JP

[p 9: on December 4, 1840 in Wilson County Tennessee, Mrs. Jane Osborne, 80, formerly a resident of Mecklenburg County North Carolina and now a resident of Williamson Tennessee filed for her widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Osborne; that she was married to him in Mecklenburg County North Carolina August 16, 1785; that her husband died in Williamson County Tennessee July 8, 1834.]

[p 4: family record]

Robert Osborne and Jane his Wife was married the 16th of August A.D. 1785

John Wylie Osborne their first son was born the 9th of June 1786

Noble Osborne their second son was born the 21st of November 1787

Jennet Osborne their Daughter was born the 5th of December 1789

Thomas Osborne was born the 25th of May 1792

James Osborne was born the 4th of April 1795

Martha Osborne was born the 15th of September 1797

Jane Osborne was born the 16th of January 1800

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months 15 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia]