Pension Application of John Osborn S32423
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State of Indiana } On this 12th day of November AD 1832 Personally appeared in open
Fountain County } court, the said Court being a probate court in and for said County now
siting John Osborn resident in said County 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

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein
stated. That he entered the above named service In Montgomery County Virginia, (now Patrrick County
[sic: Patrick County, formed from Henry County in 1791]) on the first of May 1780 In the company
commanded by Captain Enoch Osborn the company being a vollenteir company bound by agreement to
served and to be in reddeness for serve at or upon an warning that when their services was needed
marched from New River in Montgomery County aforesaid on or about the first of the month of May
1780 To Whittons Station now in the state of Tennessee [sic: Whitten’s Fort on the upper Clinch River in
Virginia against the Shawnee and Cherokee nations of Indians depredations being then frequently
committed on the frontier settlements of Virginia and Carolina by the Indians and Tories. Served three
months on the above tour and was discharged, upon agreement to be holden in readiness to enter the
service when caled.

In the Spring of the year 1781 This said declarant was called into service, on a second tour of service in
the Company of Captain Enoch Osborn aforesaid, marched from the aforesaid County of Montgomery (in
Virginia) Through Mochasin Gap, Thence to Blackamores Station In Tennessee [sic: through Moccasin
Gap to Fort Blackmore in present Scott County VA] thence to Beans Station near the Cumberland
mountain [Bean Station in present Grainger County TN], there stationed for the purpose of defending the
frontier settlements from being destroyed by the Indians Served three or four months, being relieved by
other troops, were permitted for to go home for the purpose of procuring clothing and winter quarters To
be held in readiness and subject to be called into service at any time if his service was needed.

This said declarant Vollenteered, on a third tour to go against the tories, under the Command of Colonel
William Campbell of Virginia, marched from New River in the County of Montgomery afores’d to North
Carolina scouring and searching the County for the Tories. This said declarant Vollenteered on a fourth
tour against the tories in the company commanded by Captain Gambrell [Martin Gambrill, pension
application W7504] of Light Dragoons commanded by Collonel Cleaveland [sic: Benjamin Cleveland] a
detachment amounting to about three hundred, marched from the said County of Montgomery into
North Carolina in Ash [sic: Ashe] County stationed no particular place, but employed in Ranging the
country back and forth in quest of the tories finally discharged in the month of September 1782 and that
he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuty except the present and declares that
his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency. That he has no documentary evidence of his services,
and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. This said
declarant was born in, Shanadoah County Virginia on 16th day of April 1763 [sic: Shenandoah, then
Frederick County]. Engaged in the service of the United States at the Age of Seventeen years a Volenteer
in the war of the revolution John hisXmark Osborn

State of Indiana  Sct  } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in
Fountain County  } and for said county John Orsborn of said County who being duly sworn
according to law Deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot
swear positively, as to the precise length of his services. But according to the best of his recollection, he
served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades. (Towit) I served in the company commanded by Captain Enoch Orsborn in the first tour four months and twenty days. On a second tour I serv’d six months in the company aforesaid. On both of the above tours I was commanded by Colonel Peston [sic: William Preston]. On a third tour I served six months in the company of Captain Gumbrell Colonel Campbell commanded the Regiment, On a fourth tour I served Three months in Captain Nawls Company Colonel Cleaveland commanded the troops as colonel On a fifth tour I served in the company of Captain Ward five weeks Colonel Preston ordered us out. On a sixth tour I served in the company commanded by Captain Ward at Whitton’s Station in the state of Tennessee one year, ordered out by Colonel Preston and received all our orders from as commander of said Garison I was a private soldier on all the above tours that I served [signed 2 Sep 1833] John Osborn

State of Indiana } In the Fountain Circuit Court Term of September 1833 Fountain County Set }

Personally appeared in open Court John Osborn who here at this time Towit the [blank] day of [blank] AD 1833 made the following amendment to his original declaration in the matter of his application for a pension; Question 1st Born AD 1763 Shanadoah County Virginia I have no written record of my age. Question 2nd I were living when called into service in Montgomery County Virginia I have lived since the revolutionary war I have lived in Ash County North Carolina I moved from thence to Barren County Kentucky From thonce to Harrison [sic: Harrison] County Indiana and from thince to Fountain County Indiana where I now live. Question 4th I was called into service as was called then enlisting to be always in readiness from the time that I engaged when needed or called upon Question 5th I can state some of the names of the officers under whom I served. I know not whether they commanded regular troops or not (viz) Col Campbell Col. Preston Col. Cleaveland & Col. [John] Sevier Gen’l Robert Lenore. I never rec’d a discharge My uncle Captain Enoch Osborn had the charge of my papers. It was under him I served I cared nothing about my papers I thought my uncle would see that all was right with me Question 7th I have given the names of the persons with whom I am acquainted in my present neighbourhood who could testify to my character for truth veracity in my former declaration Sworn to and subscribed 9 Septr 1833 John Osborn hisXmark

NOTES: On 1 July 1833 Robert Osborn certified that John Osborn had served under his father, Enoch Osborn. On 6 May 1852 Osborn applied to have his pension transferred, having moved to McDonough County IL.