

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Daniel Orear: S31892

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County SS.

On this 4th day of March 1834, personally appeared before the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions of Franklin Count, Daniel Orear, a resident of the County & State afors'd aged about seventy five 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 the 7th 1832

1st. In the year 1776, he volunteered to serve as a private soldier for the term of three months in the County of Fauquier & State of Virginia that he served the full term of 3 Months in the Company Commanded by Capt William Blackwell, Peter Conway Lieutenant. they were attached to the Regiment commanded by Colo Patrick Henry Col. Henry was called General. the other field officers were Colos. [Edward] Stevens & [George] Taliaferro. We rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse, & marched from thence to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg]. He belonged to a detachment that had an engagement with a party of the enemy 16 or 18 miles below Williamsburg We captured a small vessel belonging to them called a lindey[?] we killed 6 or 7 & took some prisoners. Having served the full term of 3 months as above stated, he was regularly discharged.

2nd. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of January 1777, with Captain John Ashby, William Nelson 1st Lieut. Nathaniel Ashby 2nd Lieut. Isham Keith Ensign - & served in the 3rd Virginia Regiment of Riflemen under the following named officers towit Colo. [Hugh] Mercer & [George] Weedon. Thomas Marshall with whom he was personally acquainted was Major. He enlisted to serve two years which he did accordingly & was regularly discharged. At the time of his enlistment he resided in Fauquier County, Virginia. Our company commanded by the officers above named being formed at Fauquier Court House was marched to Alexandria about the 1st of February. we remained there until about the 1st of July. from thence we marched to Williamsburgh, passing thro' D[?] past[?] Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] on the Rappahanock [sic: Rappahannock] We remained at Williamsburgh a few months & were then marched to Norfolk. From Norfolk, after being stationed there for some time, the Regiment was marched back to Fredericksburgh and discharged, having served the full term of two years. He was not in any Battle during this term of service.

3rd. After the expiration of his last term of service, he removed with his fathers family, of which he was a member to Wilkes County North Carolina. In a short time after their removal to N Carolina, as he believes about the 1st. of Sept 1779. there was a call upon the Militia, & he volunteered to serve a tour of 3 Months in the Company commanded by Capt. Richard Allen. The Company was formed at Wilkesboro, & about the last of December was called upon to march to Charleston S. Carolina & on the way we passed thro' Charlotte in Mecklenburgh [sic: Mecklenburg] County Camden S. Carolina & Monks [sic: Moncks] Corner &c. at Charleston we joined a Regiment, which he thinks was called Hamptons. the army was commanded by Gen [Benjamin] Lincoln. Here he remained until his 3 Months expired & was regularly discharged. During this time a Detachment from the Army at Charleston, was sent up Ashley River to the ferry 12 Miles from the city he belonged to the Detachment & they had at that place a skirmish with the Enemy.

4th. The term of service of several of the Militia Regiments having expired, about the time of his last discharge at Charleston, he volunteered after his discharge as above to serve 3 Months longer & served as orderly or 1st Sargeant in the Company commanded by Capt. John G Lowman, and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colo. William Lytle. Here he remained in service until the City & Army was surrendered to the Enemy on the 11th [sic: 12th] of May 1780. On the 20th he was paroled & permitted to return home - at which time the 3 Months expired & he was regularly discharged.

5th. In 1780, after his return home from Charleston, he volunteered, tho a Prisoner on Parole, to serve for an indefinite time in a Company commanded by Capt. Martin Gamble, without any

particular organization. We were engaged 5 or 6 weeks in marching about the County under the command of Colo [Benjamin] Cleveland. During this time we had several slight skirmishes with the Tories.

In the month of October 1780, while a Prisoner as above, his fathers house was attacked and robbed by the Tories. His discharge & Parole were [in] his fathers trunk, which was taken, & in that way all his discharges were lost. He has no documentary evidence in his possession or power, nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his service or any part thereof. In addition to the company & Field officers before stated under whom he served, he further states, that in the company commanded by Capt. Ashby, Vincent Rust was orderly Sargeant, Henry Moffett Sarg't. Robt. Berryman - Reuben Bryan & Joseph Crumwell[?] were privates & his messmates. He herewith annexes in his own hand writing a List of the names of others (privates) with whom he served [not found in file] -

He states that he was born in Fauquier County Virginia, according to the information of his parents in the year 1758 or 1759. He has no Record of his age.

He has already stated where he resided when called into service. He continued to reside in N. Carolina until about 30 odd years, he removed to Hancock County, Georgia, where he remained several years & removed from thence to Bledsoe County, Tennessee, from Bledsoe County he removed to this County about Eleven years ago - & has resided here ever since.

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

He further states that in the year 1832 he caused a Declaration of his services to be made out which was sworn to by him in Court, & put into the post office at Winchester Tennessee & he is informed by Letters from Washington, that the same has never reached the proper office, which accounts for the delay in making this Declaration. [signed] Daniel Orear

NOTE: On 5 Apr 1839 Daniel Orear applied to have his pension transferred to Chattooga County GA because "my children that I Expected to take care of me in my old age was here in this state."