

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Richard Oldham S14053
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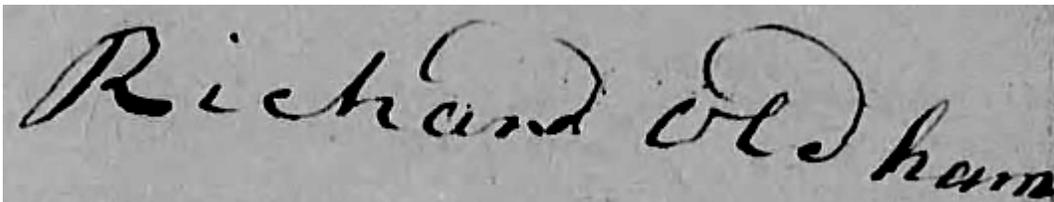
State of Kentucky, Estill County

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me Nicholas Merrill-- one of the Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Estill aforesaid Richard Oldham Senior a resident of said County of Estill aged 87 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 & served as herein stated-- That in 1777 he served a tour in the Militia from Caswell County North Carolina under his Brother Capt John Oldham, Col. Moore was Commandant Genl Butler [John Butler] the Genl-- was marched down below White Marsh in North Carolina had a Skirmish at this place with the British & Tories-- was out about 3 months-- Shortly after he performed a second tour under same Captain John Oldham-- they were in different parts of the Country checking the British & Tories-- was out 3 months or more-- he served a third tour under Capt John Oldham-- was at the Battle of Guilford with Genl Greene [Nathanael Greene]-- was out about 3 months-- Besides these tours performed by himself he hired substitutes for two Tours one for six months & one for three months-- He has no documentary evidence to prove his Services, but can prove these by Richard Oldham Junior & Hezekiah Oldham-- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

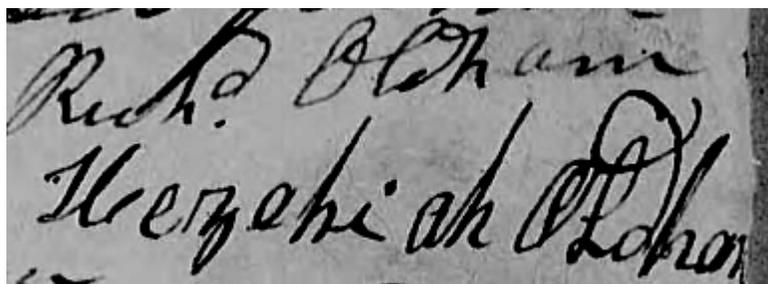
Sworn & Subscribed This day & year aforesaid

S/ Nicholas Merrill JPEC

S/ Richard Oldham

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Oldham". The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

[Richard Oldham, Junior, & Hezekiah Oldham gave the standard supporting affidavit. In the attestation of their affidavit, the attesting officer, Joseph Turner, refers to Richard Oldham, Jr., as "Captain Richard Oldham."]



State of Kentucky, Madison County

We Richard Oldham Junr & Hezekiah Oldham residents of Madison County Kentucky, do hereby certify that we have all our lives or from infancy been well acquainted with Richard Oldham who has signed the forgoing declaration-- We believe his age to be 87 years-- & we further certify that we knew him in the Revolutionary War & ever since & that we know he performed the services as in his declaration set forth.

S/ Richd. Oldham

S/ Hezekiah Oldham

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State of Kentucky, Estill County

On this 21 day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Estill County Court aforesaid 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 on the 14th August 1832 before Nicholas Merrill one of the Justices of this Court in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832--

He states that by reason of his great age being 87 & the consequent lapse of memory he cannot speak with the same certainty & as particularly of his Services as he once could-- He cannot be more particular as to the period of the Revolution when he served than he had been in his original Declaration-- He is confident, however, that he performed three tours in the Militia himself besides hiring a substitute for two more-- He cannot swear particularly as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than nine months as a private in the Militia in the Service of the U. States during the Revolutionary War & for such service he claims a pension-- He further states that the reason why he did not get a clergyman to certify to his character & in his original declaration is that there was then none residing near him that he knows of who were sufficiently acquainted with him to do so, nor does he know of any clergyman whose certificate he could obtain except that of Samuel Kelly to whom he is well known-- He further states that he was born in Fauquier County Virginia in the year 1745 on the 1st day of March, and that he has a record of his age in his Bible at home-- That he never received any discharge for his services-- That Richard Oldham Jr and Hezekiah Oldham residents of Madison County Kentucky have long known him and can and have testified concerning his character and their belief of his services.

Subscribed and sworn to

The day and year aforesaid

S/ Richard Oldham

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]