Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Olinger R7787 Transcribed by Will Graves f7VA 12/19/12

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This is a statement of my sarvis [service] in the Revelution [Revolution] war I was Drafted the first 3 months in the year 1781 under Captain John Cunningham and Cornel [Colonel] Samson Mathis he was my Cornel at portsmith in old Virginia and When we came to head quarters and had to give up my gun and take a musket I had no Rifel [rifle] that I was transferred into a [indecipherable word] Company under Captain Camel [perhaps Campbell] or Camron [perhaps Cameron] it is so long that I have fergot [forgot] wether [whether] it was Camel or Camron and I never got my gun again and the next time I was drafted for 20 days and every man had to finde [find] a horse I went out under Captain Samuel Mccutchen [McCutchen] and Wm Boyers was our Cornel for the 20 days draft that was when tarltons [Banastre Tarleton's] horse came to sharlitwill [Charlottesville?] in old Virginia and I have bin [been] in severel [several] skimages [skirmishes] at portsmith theare [there] my first Captain Cunningham got wounded and I was in the littel [little] battel [battle] at Jamestown thare my Cornel was Boyers got taken prisoner when I was drafted I lived in Virginia in augusto [Augusta] County and I think I can find to witness [witnesses] in this state that will Sartify [certify] that I have sarved the two towers [tours] and was Born in the year 1763 October the 3.

Jacob Olinger

[The above statement was sent to Lew Cass by letter dated June 11, 1832 and sent by James H Stewart from Delphi Indiana.]