Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Claibourne (Claibourn) Osborne S5866 f7VA Transcribed by Will Graves 12/28/12

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State of Virginia Charlotte County

On this 7 day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Charlotte now sitting Claibourne Osborne resident in the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia aged 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was drafted in the winter of 1779 in the County of Charlotte State of Virginia and served a tour of five months in the South that year. He marched from Charlotte County Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Mack Goode and Lieutenant Langston Bacon to Halifax County Virginia and was there attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Rogers & marched immediately to the town of Salsbury [Salisbury] North Carolina. He remained stationed at Salisbury several weeks the exact length of time not recollected. The Company to which he belonged was then put under the command of Captain Hubboard [perhaps William Hubbard, then a Major] and Lieutenant Saml Henry [Samuel Henry] and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mason [David Mason]. Under these officers he marched south to the town of Charlotte North Carolina, thence to the town of Campden [Camden] South Carolina, thence to Stono River. He was in an engagement [June 20, 1779] on Stono River in the month of June 1779 the day of the month not recollected. He was then marched to Campden & in the month of July was regularly discharged. He has no documentary evidence in his possession of his said service or discharge.

In the spring of the year 1781 he was again drafted and entered the service and served a tour of six weeks in the State of North Carolina. He joined the company of Captain James Holloway at Coles Ferry on Staunton River in the County of Charlotte State of Virginia and marched immediately to the main Army in North Carolina, the Army was in constant motion watching the movements of the enemy after he reached it until the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in which battle he was. The principal officers in command in that battle were Generals Green [Nathanael Greene], Stevens [Edward Stevens], and Lawson [Robert Lawson], and Colonels Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] & Washington [William Washington] the two last of whom commanded the cavalry. After the battle of Guilford he was discharged from service and has no documentary evidence in his possession of his service or discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Claibourn Osborne, X his mark

[George Petty, a clergyman, and Thomas Roberts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department are answered in the following manner in their order: The applicant was born in Amelia County Virginia in the year 1757. He has no record of his age his father removed to South Carolina and carried it with him he received a letter from his father containing an account of his age. He resided in the County of Charlotte when called into service and has lived in Charlotte County since the revolutionary war and now lives in said County. He was drafted in the militia. The names of the regular officers with whom I served General Greene, Stevens, Lawson, General Lincoln and Colonels Lee & Washington. He does not recollect that he ever received a written discharge and if he did it is lost. He refers to Hillary Mosley, Robert Moore, George Petty who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

S/ Claibourn Osborne

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.32 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 12 days in the Virginia militia.]