Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jethro Odom S8904 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Wayne County: On the 11th of August 1832 Personally appeared before Lewis Cogdell one of the Acting Justices for the County of Wayne, Jethro Odom Sr. of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina eighty-five years of age who being first sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God doth on his oath make the following declaration (In order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832) that he the said Jethro Odom volunteered himself a Soldier in the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina in the year 1775 under Captain George Miller who marched him to Newbern [New Bern] North Carolina. Then to the Widow mors [Moore's] Creek in New Hanover County where a battle was fought between the Whigs & Tories he then returned home & volunteered under Captain Benjamin Exum marched to Wilmington North Carolina under a three months Tour – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any state.

S/ Jethro Odom, X his mark

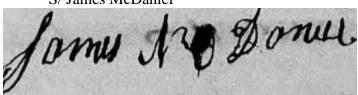
I hereby certify that the foregoing was subscribed and sworn to before me by Jethro Odom on the day & year aforesaid

S/L. Cogdell, JP

[Yong Wood, JP, and James McDaniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

James McDaniel maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Jethro Odom who subscribed & sworn to the foregoing Declaration - that - knew he was a soldier of the revolution that volunteered in Wayne County North Carolina that he was marched to New Bern that he served in the Battle at Moore's Creek in New Hanover County North Carolina - he was afterwards marched to Wilmington and served there.

S/ James McDaniel



¹ Moore's Creek bridge fought February 27, 1776 http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm

State of North Carolina County of Wayne

Personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace assigned to keep the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Jethro Odom, who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith, (in amendment to his aforesaid Declaration) That his first term of service therein stated was of six months duration – that he served as private – under Captain George Miller – Lieutenant Benjamin Exum – Colonel Richard Caswell – General Moore – Lieutenant Colonel Council Bryan –

That his second Term of service as stated in his said Declaration was of the duration of 32 days – under General George Moore, Colonel Richard Caswell – Major ___, Captain Benjamin Exum – that he served as a private.

That there is no resident clergyman living within eight miles of this affiant. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of September 1833 – S/ James Griswold, JP

S/ Jethro Odum, X his mark

Wayne County North Carolina March 12th, 1834

The applicant Jethro Odom having received instructions from the Department of War Stating that he must make more proof of the six months tour by him Served – States that it must be a mistake of the person that drew up his declaration or application – but he will repeat his services as near as his recollection will serve him – that he entered the service in July or August 1775 under George Miller Captain – Benjamin Axum [sic, Benjamin Exum] Lieutenant Colonel William McKinne [sic, William McKinney] then marched to the Town of New Bern & encamped there some time from thence the Regiment were marched to the Widow Moore's Creek, where they had a Sharp Battle with the Tories & some British, from thence he was furloughed to come home, in a few days went to New Bern where he staid till his time of service was expired & returned back to Dobbs County now called Wayne he forgot to say that he was a volunteer for three months. That in January or February afterwards, he volunteered for another tour of three months under the command of George Miller Captain Colonel Benjamin Axum they rendezvoused at Kinston & placed under command of General Caswell, from thence marched to the Town of Wilmington in this State and from thence about a mile below the Town to a place called the Cooll Spring [Cool Spring] where they encamped until their time of Service expired & were Discharged – (he presumes that the above two tours added together were the six months mentioned in his former application –) he then returned Back to Dobbs County now called Wayne – that sometime afterwards he volunteered for a third Tour of three months under the command of Captain Axum & Colonel William McKinne – we embodied at Josiah Sasser's in Dobbs County on Neuse River - from thence we went to Thomas Greys' on said River & in Some time from thence we went to Dobbs Old Court House & from thence went to Jos. Greens & there staid till we were discharged by the Colonel – which was the last of his Service being nine months – Sworn to & subscribed before us the day & year first above written.

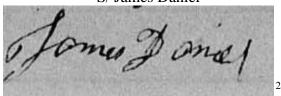
S/ Robt. McKinne, JP

S/ Jethro Odom, X his mark

S/Wm Smith, JP

I James Daniels living in Wayne County being born & raised in said County do hereby certify that I have known the above named applicant Jethro Odom for more than sixty years & do hereby certify that he served six months in the revolutionary War that is that he served three months at New Bern & widow Moore's Creek & three months at the Cool Spring below Wilmington – I do further certify that I believe him to be about 86 or 87 years of age & believe that he served as by him stated – I do further certify that he is completely Blind & has been so

for 13 or 14 years – Sworn to before us this 12th day of March 1834 S/ James Daniel



S/ Robt. McKinne, JP S/ Wm Smith, JP

I Bryant McCullen³ he will do hereby certify I have known the above named applicant Jethro Odom, Something like sixty years & do hereby certify that I served in a Company with him three months in the revolutionary war at the Cool Spring below the Town of Wilmington in this State & believe him to be a man of truth & veracity & believe that he served as by him stated & I do further certify that he is completely Blind & helpless & of the age that he represents to wit eighty-seven years

Sworn to before us this 12th day of March 1834.

S/ Robt. McKinne, J P

S/ Bryant McCullen, X his mark

S/Wm Smith, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for six months service in the North Carolina militia.]

² I believe this to be the same man who was pensioned as <u>James McDaniel (Daniel)</u> S9432

³ Bryan McCullen S9018