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Pension application of Solomon Osteen S9447

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Territory of Florida County of Alachus: SS

On this first day of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court for the Eastern District of Florida, now sitting, Solomon Osteen, a resident of the County of Columbia in the Territory aforesaid aged ninety 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, to wit: That he entered it under the command of Captain Thomas Caswell (he thinks was the name); which command was attached to the Army of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] with whom he continued to serve for a period of about nine months during which time he was in more or less active service in North and South Carolina, and that on his leaving the service at that time he received a regular discharge from General Sumpter. That in four or five weeks after such his discharge he was drafted to serve in the militia of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain John Lovitt, Eli West being the Major of the Regiment; that during this service he was stationed at Brunswick, in North Carolina, and in its vicinity, and continued to serve about three months, when he received a regular discharge from Major West & Captain Lovett. That two years afterwards he again joined the service in North Carolina serving five months under Captain Samuel Jones, Colonel Mitchell being in command of the division. That after leaving this last service, he was compelled to pay the sum of \$145 to a substitute to go with the North Carolina troops to the defense of Charleston in his stead, in order to be received from going himself. That owing to the advance state of his age, and the natural decay of his facilities, he is unable to say with any precision in what year it was that he first entered the service, but thinks it must have been about the year 1776. That when he entered the service he resided in Cartwright County [sic, Carteret County], North Carolina. That in the first service of nine months, he was enlisted as a regular, but that he received a small portion only of his wages; That in the second service, of three months, he was drafted; and that in the last service of five months, he acted as a volunteer. That during his service he was engaged in a battle at Crab Point in North Carolina, and was at the capture of the Scotch Highlanders at Moore's

Creek¹ in the same State. That he has lived since Revolutionary War and Beaufort District in the State of North Carolina, and that he now resides in Columbia County in the Territory of Florida aforesaid. Hhat in the lapse of time he has lost all the papers connected with the service before stated to have been performed by him, and that therefore he has no documentary [evidence] to be adduced in behalf of his application; and that Theophilus Weeks Senior of the County of Columbia aforesaid, knows of the fact of his having served as above stated, but that he knows not know of any other person whose testimony it is in his power to procure, who can testify to his service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Solomon Osteen, X his mark

[Bennet I M. Dell and Abel G. Loper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And now the foregoing declarant having again come into Court, further says upon his oath duly made that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 whatever.

S/ Solomon Osteen, X his mark

Solomon Osteen

II The applicant did not make this declaration in the County where he resides because there is no Court of Record for that County.

V The I applicant states that he served 15 months from which the Department may determine to what amount of pension he is entitled.

We believe there was no clergyman residing in the neighborhood of the applicant

S/ R. K. Carr

S/ Ths. Douglas²

Territory of Florida County of Alachua: SS Superior Court December Term 1832

On this first day of January in the year 1833, personally appeared, Theophilus Weeks Senior,³ who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, That in the year 1781 or 82, it being about the close of the Revolutionary War, he was on an expedition in which Solomon Osteen was also engaged, under command of Captain Isaac Hill, employed in defending the County of Cartwright [sic, Carteret County] in the State of North Carolina against a dissent made by the British upon said County. And that he knows of the said Osteen have continued so to serve for a space of at least 10 or 15 days, performing his duty with fidelity and activity. And further saith not.

S/ Theophilus Weeks, Senior, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ February 27, 1776 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>

² I believe this page reflects the applicant's responses to objections from the War Department.

³ [Theophilus Weeks W22579](#)