

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Patrick O'Neil W4044

Catharine

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State of North Carolina Burke County

On this 18th day of April 1845 personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Acting Magistrates in and for the County of Burke & State aforesaid, Catherine O'Neil, a resident of said County & State, aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed on the 7th of July 1838, "Entitled An Act granting Pensions to Certain Widows." Also the benefit of the Act of the 3rd of April 1843, and June 17 1844.

That she is the widow of Patrick O'Neil late deceased of Burke County North Carolina, who was a private Soldier in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution and as such he served the United States against the Common Enemy for the term of ten months or more under General Rutherford, Colonel McDowell and Captains Kanaday, Moore & others; that his first Tour of service was against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1776, his second Tour was against the Tories, and was at the Battle of Ramsours Mill in Lincoln County, and was severely wounded by the Enemy which rendered him for some months unable to do duty, the third & last regular Tour of duty was against the Indians which was about the Close of the Revolution, that from what she has always understood her said husband was engaged in the defense of his Country during the War but that the above all the only regular Tours of duty in which he was Engaged, that most of his services was of a patrol nature Engaged in the defense of his neighborhood against the depredations of the Indians –

She further declares that she was married to the said Patrick O'Neil in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina on the 22nd day of August in the Year 1790, that her husband the aforesaid Patrick O'Neil died on the fifth day of March 1813, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated in the year 1790.

And she also states that she has a Family Record Showing the date of her marriage & the births of her children which was written down many years ago and has always been considered correct and true and the same is hereto appended, and is in part copied as follows, "Catharine

Mitchel was married to Patrick O'Neil the 22nd of August, in the year of our Lord 1790." Henry M O'Neil was born the 12th of October in the year of our Lord 1791, John F O'Neil was born the 9th of February in the year of our Lord 1793, Polly O'Neil was born the 15th day of June in the year of our Lord 1796 –

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written before me.

S/ Geo. Copening, JP

S/ Catherine O'Neil

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Catherine O'Neil".

[fn p. 4: family record – the part not recited in the widow's application above:
James Mc O'Neil was born the 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 179[last digit obliterated]

Janey McKay O'Neil was born the 22nd of December in the year of our Lord 1800

Nethen C. O'Neil was born 18th day of April in the year of our Lord 1803

Patrick O'Neil departed this life the fifth day of March in the year of our Lord 1813]

[fn p. 5: marriage bond license issued in Mecklenburg County North Carolina on the 23rd day of August 1792 Patrick O'Neil and Nathan Mitchell to secure the marriage of Patrick O'Neil to Catherine Mitchel.]

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State of North Carolina Burke County: On this 21st day of April 1845 personally appeared before me A. P. Fleming one of the Acting Magistrates in & for the County aforesaid, George Hodge¹ a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, a resident Citizen of Burke County and made oath, in due form of law, that he is well acquainted with Catherine O'Neil of the County and State aforesaid an applicant for a pension, widow of Patrick O'Neil deceased of Burke County, and State aforesaid who was a private Soldier in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution, and as such he served the United States against the Common Enemy to deponent's own personal knowledge, that he deponent was in the service with the said Patrick O'Neil & was in the Battle at Ramsours Mill in Lincoln County at the time the said Patrick O'Neil was wounded by a Shot from the Enemy – which was the only service or tour of service that he served with said Patrick O'Neil.

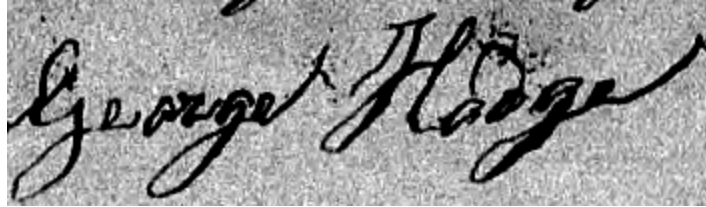
And this deponent further stated upon his said oath, that he lived in the immediate neighborhood of the aforesaid Patrick O'Neil during the War of the revolution and that it was always said that said Patrick O'Neil served a tour of duty to the Indian Nation under General Rutherford in the year 1776, at the time the Troops went against said Indians, a fact of which this deponent has no doubt, and that the said Patrick O'Neil was a good Whig and was often engaged in the defense of his Country – And deponent also stated that said Patrick O'Neil was under Captain Kenedy at the time of his serving the above tour when wounded.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written before me.

S/A P Fleming, JP

S/ George Hodge

¹ [George Hodge W4234](#)



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State of North Carolina Burke County: Be it known, that on this 21st day of April 1845, personally appeared before me A. P. Fleming one of the Acting Magistrates in and for the County aforesaid Stephen Ballew² and made oath, in due form of law, that he was in the days of the Revolution well acquainted with Patrick O'Neil a resident Citizen of Burke County North Carolina who was a Soldier in the North Carolina Militia, and whose widow Catherine now a resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid is applying for a pension due to her on account of the Revolutionary services of her husband the aforesaid Patrick O'Neil deceased. That this deponent was a Soldier of the War of the Revolution and knows of his own personal knowledge that said Patrick O'Neil was out in the service also: that about the close of the war deponent served a tour of duty at Davidson's Fort at the head of the Catawba River and that during the above Tour said Patrick O'Neil with other Troops passed the Fort on their way to the Indian Nation under Captain Little which he well & distinctly recollects which was the only time he deponent recollects of seeing the said Patrick O'Neil in the service, but that he has always understood that the said Patrick O'Neil did perform other service of which he had no personal knowledge and of which he deponent has no doubt.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written before me.

S/A P Fleming, JP

S/ Stephen Ballew, theX his mark

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State of North Carolina McDowell County: On this 28th day of December 1845, personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for the said County William Gillespie, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 76 years, and made oath, in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with Patrick O'Neil in the days of the Revolution, whose widow Catherine, a resident of Burke County, is now applying for a pension due her on the account of the Revolutionary Services of her said husband Patrick O'Neil deceased. That this Affiant states that said P. O'Neil was known & reputed to be a good Whig and was engaged in his Country's defense against the Common Enemy – That he saw the said Patrick O'Neil once while he was in the Army which was in the year 1780, some two months after the Battle of Ramsours Mill. That at the time he saw said O'Neil in service he was with Colonel McDowell who was fleeing to the Mountains with a small force under him to keep clear of Farguson [sic, Patrick Ferguson] and his Army who were overrunning the Country – That deponent well recollects that on that occasion that Colonel McDowell with his Army camped near his father's house, and that Patrick O'Neil, Dobson & Duckworth all of which had been wounded, and were Invalids came to his father's and stayed all night with him – That well and distinctly recollects that said O'Neil was wounded in one of his legs, which was on he deponent saw, and that said O'Neal stated that it had been done at the Battle of Ramsours Mills some time before.

Sworn & subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me.

² [Stephen Ballew S16835](#)

S/ Jo. Conly, JP

S/ Wm. Gillespie

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum, commencing March fourth, 1848, for the services of her husband in the revolution as a private in the North Carolina militia.]