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State of California,

SS.

COUNTY OF Nevada

ON THIS the Twenty Six day of December A. D. eighteen hundred and Forty nine personally appeared before me, P. C. Richardson a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Thomas Osburn aged Fifty eight years, a resident of the Town of Grass Valley in the State of California who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Thomas Osburn who was a Private Soldier in a Volunteer Company commanded by Capt. Joseph Bedding said company was raised in George Town N. Y. commanded by Major Richard Ganou & Col Scott in the war with Great Britain in the Year AD 1812-

that he Entered at Ge Town N. Y. on or about the 13th day of August A. D. 1812 for the term of Six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of fourteen days, and was honorably discharged at the place forgotten on or about the last day of February A. D. 1813 as will appear by the muster rolls of said Company.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3d, 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress, nor made any other application therefor.

I hereby authorize Young & Niles to receive my Land Warrant and attend to all business appertaining to the same.

Thomas Osburn

WE, Thomas Osburn resident of the Town of Grass Valley and Thomas Osburn resident of the Town of Grass Valley in the State of California upon our oaths, declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Thomas Osburn in our presence, and we believe that he is the identical person that he represents himself to be.

A. Blaney & J. McClintock

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me, on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year aforesaid.

P. C. Richardson Notary Public

In testimony that the above written P. C. Richardson was a Justice of the Peace authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, &c., in the State of California, at the above date, and that his name there subscribed appears to me to be his usual signature, I have hereunto affixed the County Seal and subscribed my name and quality at office in the City & County of Nevada this 26th day of December A. D. 1859



John S. Lambert County Clerk
of the County Court in
Sherman County

WAR OF 1812.

DECLARATION OF SOLDIER FOR PENSION.

To be executed before Judge or Clerk of Court.

State of California } ss:
COUNTY OF Nevada }

On this Third day of June A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, personally appeared before me, John G. Rogers, County Clerk of the County of Nevada, the same being a Court of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Thomas Osborn, aged Eighty years, a resident of the Town of Grass Valley, County of Nevada State of California, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is married;

that his wife's name was Susan Brown and to whom he was married at Georgetown, in the State of Kentucky, on the third (3d) day of July, 1815; that he served the full period of sixty days in the (1) Military service of the United States in the war of 1812; that he is the identical Thomas Osborn who (2) volunteered in Captain Joseph Redding's

company, Scott's regiment, brigade, division, at Scott County, Kentucky, on the day of 1812, and was honorably discharged at a place called the Black Swamp, Ohio on the day of 1813; that (3) he was a Sergeant in said Company; that he was variously engaged, in carrying dispatches to different points, receiving and distributing rations, and his Company with others in said War during the time of his service on one occasion made a forced march to White Mule Ferry (so called) a considerable distance west of Fort Wayne, after Indians, whom he supposes or thinks were the Potawatamies; that his discharge which he received at the time his Company disbanded, has been lost, at what place he is unable to state

that he, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, adhered to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; and that he will support the Constitution of the United States; that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provision of the act approved February 14, 1871, and he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Samuel V. Miles, Washington DC his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that his post office is at Grass Valley, Nevada, State of California; that his domicile or place of abode is Grass Valley, Nevada, Cal.

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Applicant.

ATTEST:

John Newton Major
John Davis

[NOTE.—If applicant makes his mark, let two persons who write their names attest his signature. The officer administering the oath cannot be one of the attesting parties.]

- Notes.—1 "Military" or "naval."
2 "Was drafted," "enlisted," or "was enrolled."
3 Here give place, capacity, and manner of service, and any historical events in the war in which he participated, or with which he was connected. And state if discharge is lost, on file in Pension Office, or herewith filed.

LAW AND LAND AGENCY, WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

YOUNG & NILES,

OFFICE, NO. 480 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

RICHARD M. YOUNG, (former "Commissioner of the General Land Office," and SAMUEL V. NILES, (late of the "Virginia Military Bureau," in the same Department,) having entered into a copartnership under the above firm, will hereafter give their joint attention to such business as may be confided to their management. They will devote their attention chiefly to the prosecution of CLAIMS BEFORE CONGRESS, THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE COURT OF CLAIMS, and all the EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS of the Government, and will give special attention to PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS, CONTESTED PRE-EMPTION CASES, and to contests relating to the Public Lands generally; REVOLUTIONARY and INVALID PENSION CASES, BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS, &c.

They will also BUY AND SELL LAND WARRANTS, and attend to the purchase and location of lands in the Northwestern States and Territories, through the aid of experienced and trustworthy agents, and be responsible that judicious selections are made in every instance.

Amos C. Whiting,
Commiss. of Treas.

Washington City January 21, 1850.

Sir:

We file herewith the application of Thomas Osburn, for bounty under the Act of March 3, 1850.

Yours Respectfully

Young & Niles,

Agents.

WAR OF 1812.

ACT OF FEB. 14, 1871.

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

November 18, 1871.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the enrollment, muster, service, and duty of Thomas Osborn, who volunteered at Scotts Ky, on the _____ day of _____, 1812, in Captain Joseph Reddings Company Scotts Regiment Ky. Mil., and who was discharged at The Black Swamp O. on the _____ day of _____, 1813. He again enlisted at _____, on the _____ day of _____, 18____, in Captain _____ Company _____ Regiment _____, and was discharged therefrom at _____ on the _____ day of _____, 18____.

The following are related as the principal incidents of the War of 1812 in which he participated: _____

If the above name is not found on the rolls of said Company, will you so state, and report as to enrollment, &c., in the case of any man bearing a similar name, whom you have good reason for believing to be the soldier inquired for.

Please return this circular with your report.

Claim No. 20214

Respectfully, yours,

J. W. Baker

Commissioner.

Third Auditor,

Present,

Room No. D. F.

BRIEF OF CLAIM FOR A SURVIVOR'S PENSION

in the case of ^{Osborn} Thomas Osborn, a

of Captain Joseph Redding's Company, Colonel Kentucky Militia Reg't.

Residence. Nevada County, California

POST OFFICE ADDRESS:

Grass Valley, Nevada County, California

Enlisted August 15, 1812, discharged March 4, 1813

Served afterward from _____, 18 _____, to _____, 18 _____

in Captain _____ Company, Colonel _____ Reg't.

Declaration and identification in due form, filed June 23, 1871.

SERVICE FOR SIXTY DAYS, SHOWN AS FOLLOWS:

The Third Auditor reports that Thomas Osborn
served in Captain Joseph Redding's Company
Kentucky Militia, from August 15, 1812,
to March 4, 1813.

Length of service, 202 days.

Claimant declares he is not a pensioner under any previous act. Name not on list of pensioners.

Loyalty, claimant's averment and testimony of, J. M. Major + J. Davis

credibility of witnesses certified by J. P. Sykes P.M. Grass Valley Cal.

Oath to support the Constitution of the United States subscribed.

Admitted February 8, 1872 to a pension of eight dollars per month, from

R Samuel A. Niles
Washington
DC

W. Harris, Es'c.
App'd. H. Hartung,
Reviewer.

Widow

sur Aug 20, 214.

Service

Capt Joseph Riddings

sur Aug 12, 455.

Co. Ky mil.

County 92,432-160-55,
Land
Warrants

Enl.

Aug 15, 1812.

Dis.

March 4, 1813.

Residence

185-9
1871

of Soldier

Grass Valley, Nevada Co, Calca.

Residence

of Widow

Maiden name

Scott Co.

of ~~widow~~ wife

Susan Brannan, Georgetown, Ky.

Marriage of

Soldier and ~~widow~~ wife

July 3, 1815 - Georgetown, Scott Co, Ky

Death

of Soldier

Death of

Widow

Exr. 4134,

March 31/20.

Rev'r

Envelope

written by

Rev'r