

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Owen (Owens) R16881      Winefred      fn75NC  
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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County: SS

On this 22nd day of April 1850 before the County Court Court of Rockcastle County aforesaid personally appeared in Court Elish Owens a resident of said County aged sixty-eight years on the ninth of January last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 granting pensions to certain widows and any other Acts which make provision for him. That he is the Son of David Owen deceased who was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution and of Winifred Owen Deceased who was the widow of the said David Owen that his Father the said David Owen as he has always been informed entered the Service in said war in Wilkes County North Carolina and served several years nearly if not quite to the close of the Revolutionary War that as his said father has been dead more than twenty years he is not able to give many of the particulars of his services which he has often heard him relate but he thinks as nearly as he can recollect that he was under Colonel Cleaveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland] at the Battle of Kings Mountain and that part of the time he was under Colonel Ruckey & Armstrong and that he was at the Battle of Cowpens under Colonel Morgan and other engagements which he can't now recollect. That is said Father was married to his said Mother whose maiden name was Winifred Mullins in Wilkes County or Rutherford County North Carolina on the 20 December 1781 as he has always been informed by his said mother and from the annexed record of the ages of his said Father and Mother's marriage and ages of or births of their children which record I have none ever since my recollection some 60 years ago today the Identical Record kept by my said Father to his death of the births of his children and his marriage to his said Mother and the said record which is annexed to this Statement with the figure for (Just below December 20th) giving the date of by said Father and Mother's marriage a [indecipherable word] and that said Record has been kept in the family ever since the death of my said Mother Winifred Owen or some times Spelt Owens that his said Father David Owen died in this County in the year 1822 and that his said Mother – Winifred Owen died in Rockcastle County State of Kentucky on the 26th of February 1842 he knows by the date cut on his said Mother's tombstone [spelled "toom stone"] and that the only children now living of the said Winifred Owen our this Declarant – Elisha Owen, Wilmot Owens now Lasfield, Webster Owen, Wesley Owen, Alfred Owen, John Owen whose ages will appear on the record attached and referred to. That the

reason his mother never drew a pension he don't know but thinks it was through the negligence of her agent the reason the Hers [sic, heirs] never applied they was not apprised till recently that a heirs of Deceased Soldiers could draw and for further proof of these statements he refers to the Rolls in the War Department and the proof hereunto annexed and accompanying this declaration.

Sworn and subscribed in my presence

S/ James Terrill, Clk

S/ Elisha Owen

A photograph of two handwritten signatures in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature on the left is 'Elisha Owen' and the one on the right is a cursive signature, likely of the same person.

[fn p. 56: copy of an act of the Kentucky Legislature as follows:

"Approved Febraury 4, 1820

Sec.1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That the marriage of David Owens with Winney Owens, shall be, and the same is hereby totally dissolved."]

[fn p. 34]

State of Kentucky County of Laurel

On this the 12th day of November 1852 personally appeared before me John Casteel Esquire for the County and State above named Jacob Gobbert<sup>1</sup> a Revolutionary pensioner of this County who being first duly sworn as the law directs declares on his oath that he served in the State of North Carolina a greater portion of his time in the Revolutionary War and that he knew David Owens of Rockcastle County Kentucky a portion of the time in the Revolutionary war from 1780 till sometime in the year 1782 he often saw said Owens in the United States service. Sometime in the spring 1782 he saw said David Owens in the service of the United States he thinks under Pinkny [sic ?] or Cleveland and from what he observed he thinks said Owens must have served for two years in the Revolutionary war that he did not serve in the same Company but formed an acquaintance with said Owens being an uncommon large man and had a tremendous voice.

S/ Jacob Gobbert, X his mark

[fn p. 35]

State of Kentucky County of Laurel:

On this the 10 day of November 1852 personally appeared before me John Casteel a Justice of the peace for the County and State above named, John Fawbush<sup>2</sup> aged about 94 a resident of this County and a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States who being first duly sworn as the law directs upon his oath makes the following statements that he served in the State of North Carolina in the Revolutionary war and was well acquainted with David Owens of Rockcastle County Kentucky who died some 30 odd years since and was the husband of Winifred Owens formerly moments who died some years since and Rockcastle County Kentucky leaving a large family of children Elijah Owens & others that he often saw the above stated David Owens in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war at different times from 1779 till 1782 that sometime in April 1782 he saw said David Owens in the United States service near Camden that he don't know how long said Owens served but knows or feels confident it was upwards of two

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Jacob Gabbard S30431](#)

<sup>2</sup> Sic, [John Forbis \(Forbes\) W25591](#)

years for he often saw said Owens in actual service of the United States during the time above stated he thinks under Cleveland and Armstrong the most of the time.

S/ John Fawbuck, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County: SS

On this the 18th of March 1850 before the undersigned a Justice of the peace duly authorized to administer oaths in the County and State aforesaid personally appeared before me Elijah Denny<sup>3</sup> at his residence in said County aged ninety years old who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statements that he was well acquainted with David Owens in Wilkes County North Carolina that they were raised together and moved to Kentucky some short time before he did then he moved to Kentucky about the year 1805 and has been well acquainted with said Owens up to his said Owens death which was some years since and that said Owens raised a large family of children Elisha Owens the oldest that said David Owens was married to his wife Winifred Owens whose maiden name was Mullins and that they was married in Wilkes County North Carolina before the close of the war or revolutionary war the date I don't well recollect but knows that said David Owens and Winifred Owens had one child before the close of the war probably a year before the close of the old war and that said David Owens was in the Battle of Kings Mountain or got there in time to guard the prisoners that he believes said Owens was under Colonel Cleveland that if he was not under Cleveland he was under Lewis— and Gen. Morgan that said David Owens served upwards of three years in the old war to his own knowledge and received an Honorable discharge from his commander that Elisha Owens aforesaid is the oldest child living of said Winifred Owens and that said Winifred Owens died in Rockcastle County Kentucky February 26, 1842 having remained a widow to her death of said David Owens and that said Elisha Owens resides in Rockcastle County Kentucky and he further declares that he thinks said David Owens was married to Winifred Mullins by a Justice of the peace that he was present and saw them said David Owens and Winifred Mullins married and that they lived together as man and wife till separated by death that he now don't recollect the Justice's name who married them.

S/ Elijah Denny

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elijah Denny". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper.

[fn p. 3 et seq.: family record]

Webster Owen was born July 20th 1795

Burton Owen was born December 1<sup>st</sup> 1798

Wesley Owen was born May 20th 1801

Alfred Owen was born September 20th 1803

Logan Owen was born April 15th 1805

John Owen was born December 1809

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<sup>3</sup> [Elijah Denney \(Denny\) S2513](#)

[fn p. 5]

David Owen was born September 21 1759

Winefred Bowen was born March 30th 1766 David Owen and Winefred his wife was married December 20th 1781

Elijah Owen was born January 9th 1782

Wilmoth Owen was born December 28th 1784 [married John Lasfield ? see fn p. 25]

Morton Owen was born February 19th 1787

Martin Owen was born January 19th 1789

Isham Owen Deceased was born October 12th 1790

Samuel Owen Deceased was born January 29th 1792

Allen Bowen was born December 24th 1793

[fn p. 37: Certificate dated February 7, 1853 from the North Carolina listing payments made to a David Owens for military services during the revolutionary war.]

[The Administrator of the estate of Veteran's widow was award a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th 1831 and ending February 16, 1842 for veteran's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]