

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Owens R16882 Elizabeth fn75NC
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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: On this 11th day of June 1846 personally appeared before William Davis one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County at State aforesaid: Elizabeth Owens, a resident of North Carolina in the County of Rutherford, Aged 79 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 provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7, 1838 and March 3rd 1843 and 17 June 1844 granting pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Thomas Owens who was a private soldier in Captain Bradley's Company of the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line in the war of the Revolution and that he entered the service sometime in the summer of 1779 for the term of eighteen months and at the expiration of his services, he was discharged at Charleston South Carolina and returned home: She further declares that she was married to said Thomas Owens in Burke County in the State of North Carolina sometime in the year 1781 and that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Owens Died on the 27th day of March 1836. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.
S/ William Davis, JP S/ Elizabeth Owens, X her mark

[fn p. 10: certificate dated December four, 1850 from the North Carolina Comptroller General setting forth various payments made to a Thomas Owens for military service during the revolution.]

[fn p. 11-12: Simon Davis¹ gave an affidavit dated May 16, 1851 in Cleveland County North Carolina in which he states that as a veteran of the revolution he discussed with Thomas Owens their experiences in the war although they did not serve together. David stated that it was his impression that most of Owens' service was rendered in the latter part of the war.]

[fn p. 14]

¹ [Simon Davis S6784](#)

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from a Book of settlements of the accounts of the officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Owens a private in said line, was allowed by a board of Commissioners at Warrington in 1786, the sum of forty-one pounds fifteen shillings and one penny (£41.15.1) for services in said line.

Given under my hand this 13th day of July 1846

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Owens a private Soldier in Captain Bradley's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 20th day of June 1779 for the term of 18 months. That Thomas Owens a private Soldier in Captain Ballard's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service in 1777 and was discharged first December 1779.

Given under my hand this third day of November 1846.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 2 et. seq.: family records:

Nancy Waters was born in August the 22nd day in the year of our Lord [illegible]

John Waters was born in December the 23 day in the year of our Lord 1781

Elizabeth Waters was born in September the 2nd day and in the year of our Lord 1783

Sary Waters was born in February the 27th day and in the year of our Lord 1785

Jane Waters was born in November the 1 day and in the year of our Lord 1786

William Waters was born in February the 24th day and in the year of our Lord 1788

Jonathan Waters was born in January 15th day and in the year of our Lord 1790

Abnor Waters was born in December the 7th day and in the year of our Lord 1791

Many Deep Waters [was born][illegible] June the year of our Lord 1793

Poly Waters was born in February the last day and in the year of our Lord 1795

[fn p. 5]

Elizabeth Owens the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Owens was born in the year of our Lord January the 23rd 1781 [1786?]

William Owens was born January the 12th day 1788

Reamont : this was born February 2nd day 1790

Jhoseph Owens was born April the 22nd day 1792

Maray Owens was born the 2nd day of April 1794

John Owens was born January the 27 day 1797

[fn p. 25: On August 1, 1849 in Cleveland County North Carolina, James Hardcastle gave testimony that he is the son-in-law of William Brooks, an old revolutionary war veteran; that he heard Thomas Owens and William Brooks discussing their experiences in the revolution and that Owens told Brooks he was going to apply for his pension and has it Brooks would be able to give supporting testimony as to his services which Brooks said he would do; that Owens died before he could make his application. On the same date, Elizabeth Hardcastle gave similar

testimony.]

[fn p. 28: On July 31, 1846 in Rutherford County North Carolina, Jane Waters gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Thomas Owens and his wife Elizabeth; that she knew Thomas before he went into the revolutionary war; that Thomas and Elizabeth were married before the birth of her, Jane Waters's third child who was born 2nd September 1783; she offered her family record in support of her testimony.]

[fn p. 30: On April 13, 1851, in Cleveland County North Carolina Elizabeth Owens, 81, filed a supplement to her previous claim stating, among other things, that her name prior to her marriage to Thomas Owens was Elizabeth McCarry; that since her earlier claim she has learned that her husband served as a major in the militia during the revolutionary war and she seeks whatever additional pension she might claim as result of such service. In support of this claim, Elizabeth Owens submitted a record of the birth of her children showing Elizabeth the oldest born January 23, 1786; that she and her husband had six children including Elizabeth, to wit, William Owen born January 12th 1788, Remant born January 2, 1790, Joseph Owen born April 22, 1792, Mary Owen born March 2, 1794 and John Owen born January 27, 1797; that said record is in the handwriting of William Murry and was found among her husband's papers]