

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Owen R16883 Sally Owen NC
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State of Tennessee }
Fentress County } SS

On this 2nd day of April 1849 before the County Court when in Session for the County and state aforesaid personally appeared Sally Owen, a resident citizen of this county aged eighty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 4th July 1846 That she is the widow of William Owen who was a private in the war of the Revolution That he was drafted in the county Buet [sic: Bute] in the state of North Carolina and marched under Captain Knolls and marched to many places unknown to this applicant but was gone from home and in the service of the United States seven months at that time which was in the year 1780. Then after returning he was again drafted and his Brother Baley Owen [Bailey Owen (Owens), pension application W3711] served that Tour as a substitute for him. Then after the return of Baley Owen the said William Owen was again drafted and went out under Captain John Coakley [sic: John Cokely] and was in the service for just three months at this time which was in the date of 1782 the other head officers, under whom he served this applicant is unable to state whom of them her deceased husband was under more than the Captains but of this she is very certain that the said William Owen her deceased husband did serve under said two Captains, both together just six months and returned him to Bewt County N C where he remained for several years, then removed to Chatham County NC from thence to South Carolina from thence on to Tennessee and into Overton County where he died on the fifteenth day of October 1813 But since that the County of Fentress being taken from Overton she now belongs to Fentress County and has remained there ever since She further Declares that she was married to the said William Owen on the 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five in the County of Bewt North Carolina by Parson Cupples she further states that she has had in her possession since the death of her husband family records which is now lost or mislaid so she cannot find them That her husband the aforesaid William Owen died on the 15th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by a reference to the proof hereto annexed Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and date above written Sally herXmark Owen

Whereupon came Willis Owen the son of the said William and Sally Owen aged sixty three years who after being first duly sworn for that purpose on his said Oath makes the following affidavit, in open court (viz) That he is the reputed son of Sally Owen the present applicant and of William Owen dec'd That he cannot distinctly recollect the starting of his Father to the service he being verry young at that time – But he has a clear recollection of the return of his Father from the last tour recollects a gun he brought home and to see his neighbours and friends come to see him and to have heard him tell remarkable events he also recollects to have saw his discharge from his officers But what has now become of it he cannot tell and as to the Declaration made by his Mother it all corresponds with his recollection and what he has heard his Father state he also recollects of seeing his Fathers offer to sell his discharge to a man that was buying but the man refused to buy because it was for militia service and the discharges he wanted to purchase was for Regular service so that Land would be due the mans name was Richard Marshall that was looking at the discharge at one time he clearly states that he saw the discharge that his Father died at the time stated by his mother and that she has remained a widow ever since this period Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 2nd day of April 1849 Willis hisXmark Owen

NOTE: The Pension Office deemed both the evidence of service and of marriage insufficient to support Sally Owen's claim for a pension. On 2 Oct 1852 George Owen assigned power of attorney to pursue the

claim of his deceased mother, Sally Owen. On 12 Oct 1853 George Owen and Willis Owen of Jamestown in Fentress County assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim.