

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Owen R16884

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The State of Alabama Autauga County: SS

On this 26th day of November A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before his Honor Alwin A. McWhorter, Judge of the County and Orphans Court now sitting, John Owen, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. –

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the latter part of March – the day he does not recollect – of the year in which the battle was fought at Sullivan's Fort near Charleston South Carolina – that he remembers none of the officers' names, under which he served, with the exception of Brigadier General Arrington [sic, William Henry Harrington?], and that he was discharged something less than a month subsequent to his volunteering as aforesaid. That he again volunteered in the June of the same year as aforesaid and served about one month at Haddrell's Point, within sight of the Fort on Sullivan's island, and was one of the Garrison there during the battle aforesaid and that he was discharged from this service in the month of July following. He further states that in this last mentioned service he was under the command of Luke Prior as his Captain, that Charles Evan and Alich DuCusque [?] were captains in the same Garrison – and that the Garrison was under the command of General Wayne, General Lee or General Sumpter, he is uncertain which one of them –

That he again volunteered in the latter part of July of the same year first aforesaid, and served as such volunteer about one month at the Cheraw Hills under the Coronelcy [sic, Colonelcy?] of George G. Powell [George Gabriel Powell], – that he recollects the name of no other officer in the present stated service – and that he was discharged there from in the ensuing August –

That he again volunteered in the Spring of the year next following that first before mentioned and served three months – that in this service his Captain was Wilson Taylor, his Colonel was __ Williams, and his Major General __ Caswell – that he volunteered in Nash County NC and served in N C and SC till discharged three months subsequently to his volunteering as aforesaid –

That he a this time volunteered in the service of the United States in Nash County NC immediately on the discharge last aforesaid mentioned, or in a few days thereafter to Wit in the

summer of the year last aforesaid, and served another three months, under David Dudley as Captain, through NC and SC and in the service last above mentioned, and at the expiration of the said three months was discharged –

Then about twelve months after the discharge last above stated he again volunteered in the same County as aforesaid, to wit, Nash County NC and served three months under the command of Major William Dennis – that in this service he was with the troops about three weeks, and during the remainder of the three months as last aforesaid he was employed as a mechanic in the public shops in Cumberland County NC and was then discharged –

That the above are all the services in which he was engaged and that the above are all the circumstances and dates and names, &c &c which he can now recollect, although others frequently occur to his mind –

Questions and Answers as propounded by the Court

Q 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. Upon Meherrin River in the State of Virginia the 10th day of June A.D. 1756

Q 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have a record of my age at my house in a Bible –

Q 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. During the revolutionary war and at the periods of his volunteering as mentioned in the preceding statement, he lived on pee Dee River in Marion District – just previous to the close of the war he removed to Nash County NC and lived there about one year he then removed back to Marion District SC and in Marion and Chesterfield Districts SC he lived till the year A.D. 1823, when he removed to and has since lived and Autauga County and State of Alabama –

Q 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was a volunteer in every case as before stated.

Q 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I saw General Lee and Haddrell's Point near Charleston SC and saw General Marion who came over from Fort Sullivan when I first went into the service, I think in the 39th Regiment – The names of the officers that I now recollect I have mentioned in my statement before written and such circumstances as I can now call to mind

Q 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

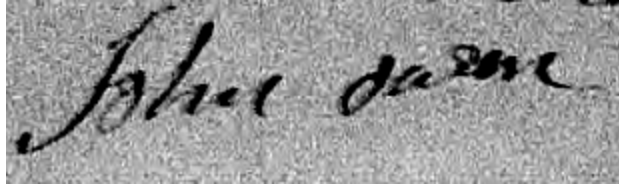
Ans. I received a discharge in every instance except the first, in writing – I remember that one of them was signed by General Caswell – and another by Luke Pryor, but, being thought of no consequence at the close of the war, were either lost or destroyed –

He also states that he has no documentary evidence to prove the foregoing facts, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any State –

S/ Henly Brown, Clk

S/ John Owen

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Eli Terry".

[Eli Terry, a clergyman, and Sion Holland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Autauga County: Regular Orphans Court

On this 22nd day of December A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of said Court now sitting, John Owen, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years in June 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 Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

In the year in which the battle of Sullivan's Island occurred, he volunteered under Luke Prior as Captain, and ___ Kimbro as Major, in Marion District South Carolina where he was then living, in the first of June of that year – was marched to Britons Neck – joined the troops there, and the command of Brigadier General Arrington – thence to Charleston South Carolina for the relief of that City – Hence were transported to Haddrell's Point and joined the regular troops stationed there commanded by General Lee, and the militia commanded by General Sumter – was not engaged in the battle of Fort Moultrie – the battle occurring between the Fort and the British ships, but no landing being effected by the British troops, which the American troops at Haddrell's Point were designed to prevent. In this service he was engaged one month and was discharged –

About a fortnight after his discharge, he reached home in Marion District, and again volunteered under ___ Stackhouse as Captain, was marched to Cheraw Hills, and joined the troops there commanded by Colonel George Gabriel Powell, and was stationed there for the purpose of guarding Tory prisoners, and suppressing the treasonable efforts of their party. In this service he was engaged twenty-five days, and was discharged –

About twelve months after the last mentioned service, he removed from Marion District SC to Edgecombe County NC to that part of it which was afterwards called Nash, where he volunteered under Wilson Taylor as Captain – marched to Kingston [Kinston] on Neuse River, where he joined the troops commanded by Colonel Williamson – marched thence to Cross Creek, afterwards called Fayetteville – At Fayetteville he was assigned to the public shop, where the blacksmith work of the Army was done, and labored there until the expiration of his tour – in the whole a period of three months – when he was discharged –

Not more than six days after receiving the last mentioned discharge, he again volunteered under John Dew as Captain in Nash County – marched a second time to Kingston on Neuse River – joined the troops there commanded by Colonel Williamson, a second time, – marched thence to Fayetteville, thence to what was called Drowning Creek on the line of North and South Carolina – thence near the line of those States – no definite point being the object of the march, but the main design – such was the impression among the troops – being to exhibit a force in that quarter, in order to prevent the movements of the Tory party, and suppress any insurrections by them that might occur. In this service he was engaged three months, and was discharged.

About fourteen days after this last mentioned service, he volunteered a third time in Nash County NC under David Dudley as Captain and William Dennis as Major – marched to Fayetteville – thence to Cole's Mills on the Pedee River, where he was stationed. General Greene lay nearby, but he was not under his command. A few days before the battle of Guilford, he was discharged. In this service he was engaged three months –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State –

In reply to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to be propounded to applicants for pensions, this applicant returned the following answers, as they were severally propounded to him by the Court –

To the first Interrogatory, he answers –

I was born on the 10 June 1756, in NC on the Roanoke River –

To the second Interrogatory, he answers –

I have none –

To the third interrogatory he answers –

I lived in Marion District SC when I volunteered in the two first mentioned services – in Nash County NC when I volunteered in the three last. Since the Revolution I have lived in Marion District and in Chesterfield District SC from which last place about eleven years ago he removed to, Anne has since lived in Autauga County Alabama –

To the fourth interrogatory he answers –

I never was as I volunteered

To the fifth interrogatory he answers –

I have complied with this, as far as my recollection extends in the body of my declaration

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To the sixth interrogatory he answers –

I received written discharges in all cases, signed by my respective commanding officers, but I have lost them –

To the seventh interrogatory he answers –

Reverend Elijah Meiers, Charles Booth and William Booth
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henly Brown, JCC

S/ John Owen

[Elijah Mears, a clergyman, Charles Booth & William Booth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11: named on December 9, 1850 in Autauga County Alabama, Martha Owens, about 79, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Owens a pensioner of the revolution; that she married him in the month of April 1786 and Chesterfield District South Carolina; that her husband died April 14, 1836; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 36: on December 9, 1850, in Autauga County Alabama, Faithy Thomas [Fatha Thomas] made oath that she was present at the marriage of John Owens to Martha Owens in Chesterfield District South Carolina in 1786; that they lived together as man and wife and that John died in 1836 in Autauga County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for eight months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]