

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Owsley (Ousley, Hously) R16894 Charity f35VA
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[f p. 7]

State of Tennessee Claiborne County: This day being the 19th day of March 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Porter Sessions held for said County the same being a court of record John Hously aged about 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

States that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated.

That he resided in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia in the year of 1776 and that he enlisted his Services in the Army of the United States under Lieutenant William Hously for the Term of six months in the minute Service and after his Term of Service expired he received his discharge from Captain Joseph Combs who commanded the company to which I belonged there was but to Companies of us and we had no Colonel or Major to command of us but we were stationed at Alexandria to keep the British from landing.

This applicant begs leave to represent that sometime in the year of 1777 as well as he can recollect that he still resided in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia and that he volunteered his services in the Army of the United States under Captain Charles Porterfield and that he joined the Brigade commanded by General Morgan at Winchester in the State of Virginia. We marched from there to Philadelphia where this applicant anockalated [was inoculated] for the Small Pox and we marched from there and joined General Washington at the white Planms [White Plains] and the hole [whole] Army marched back to a Small Village near Philadelphia and from there to the Cross Roads and from there we marched to the State of New York and from there we marched back to Philadelphia and this applicant's Term of service having expired he returned home.

This applicant states that sometime after that he volunteered himself to guard the frontiers of Virginia and that he Served his country one month in that Campaign.

He states that putting the hole [whole] of his Services to Gather [together] that he did actually serve his Country more than thirteen months as he believes he states that he has no documentary evidence of his Services nor does he now [know] of any living Testimony by whom he can prove the Same he hereby Relinquishes every Claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatsoever.

Interrogatory

where and in what year were you born have you any record of your age and if so where is it where were you living when you were called into Service were you drafted Volunteer or a

substitute and if a Substitute for whom state some of the officers whom ye new [knew] did you ever receive [a discharge] and if so for [from] whome [whom]. State the names of some of your neighbors who you no [know] and who can testify to your carickter [character] and the belief of your services.

S/ John Owsley, X his mark

Sworn to in open Cort [Court]

19th March 18th 1833

S/ B. F. Clued [?], Clk

[Joseph Neel, a clergyman of the Baptist Church, gave a standard supporting affidavit. John L. Hardy, JP, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit. John Hunt, Sheriff, also gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 13: On October 16, 1846 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Charity Hously, aged about 95, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Hously, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him August 16, 1778 and that he died December 19, 1845. She signed her application with her mark.]

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Family Record

Births

Tabitha Owsley the first child of John & Charity Owsley was born March the 15 in the year of A.D. 1780

John Owsley the 2nd child of the above said John & Charity was born March the 17th A.D. 1783

Isaac Owsley the 3rd child was born April the 27th in the year A.D. 1785

Stephen Owsley 4th child of the aforesaid was born June the 24 of 1787

Matthew Owsley the 5th child of the aforesaid was born September 23rd A.D. 1789

Ann Owsley the 6th child of the aforesaid was born December the 28th 1792

William Owsley the 7th child of the aforesaid was born April the 9th in the year A.D. 1796

Marriages

John Owsley was married to his wife Charity Bartin [Charity Barton?] Agust the 16th 1778

The former was born the 6th day of November in the year A.D. 1757

[f p. 15: On October 16, 1846 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Sarah Lynch, 81, gave testimony that she personally knew of the marriage of Charity Barton to John Hously which took place prior to the birth of her (affiant's) son John Lynch who is now 65 or 66 years of age. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia service.]