

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Owen R20421

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th day of May, 1828, I, John Owen of the County of Randolph in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private in Captain William Jones's Company, in the __ Regiment, of the North Carolina Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards which leaves certificates for the reward of \$80; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the 15th day of May, 1728, on the Pension List of the United States, nor have been on it since, neither have I ever received any pay for my services as a revolutionary soldier from my country.

Witness my hand, this 14th day of August in the year 1828.

S/ John Owen, I his mark

Test: S/ Jno. Armistead, JP

[Hugh Moffett, William Bird, John Needham and William Gardner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department, August 30, 1828

John Owen of __ in the County of Randolph in the State of North Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain Jones's Company, in the __ regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins
Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,

5th September 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that John Owen is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

The name of John Owen cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office
1828

The records of this office do not show that John Owen of the North Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor
18 February 1829

Randolph County North Carolina July 11th 1828

To the Honorable Richard Rash

Sir having lately seen in the public papers, a copy of an Act of Congress for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution and being acquainted with a very poor old man, that always has passed and is believed to have been a soldier in the Continental line, I was through sympathy and Charity induced to have some conversation with him on the subject, the result of which is as follows viz. –

He says that he enlisted under a Captain by the name of James Emmitt at Chatham Courthouse in this State and entered the service in a short time afterward at Wilmington after remaining there about three months obtained a furlough or a permit to return home to see his relatives and while there was prevailed on by them, not to return to camp that he then went towards the mountains to get out of the reach of the Hoard of Tories that then was turning this section of Country and while in the upper part of the State was drafted as a militia man, and was afterwards conveyed to General Greene's encampment at or near Stono in South Carolina, was there tried by a Court-Martial, and again put in the Continental line where he remained until after the termination of the war, and was finally discharged at Wilmington NC. He also states, that he belonged to Captain William Jones' master roll, That Isaac Bush was Adjutant Griffith McRae was Major Isaac Lytle was Colonel, and General Greene was commander in chief of the Army = He states that a considerable number of the soldiers in the Continental or regular service were discharged at the same time all of whom were sent off to Wilmington from headquarters on Ashley River in South Carolina in company with, or under the direction of Major McRae, his age and infirmities prevent a recollection of further particulars.

He further states that, not long after the close of the war, his house was robbed, that his pocket book containing his Discharge and other valuable papers were stolen and that he has nothing further to show in his by half.

You will, by examining the rolls & files in Washington, do a singular act of kindness to

an old soldier, who is worn out with toil & is now destitute of a home, compelled to labor and 2s/pr Day for his daily bread – his name is John Owen.

Please write to me as soon as possible informing me of the result of your search, and whether he the said Owen is entitled to a pension – if so all necessary steps will be taken immediately.

Yours &c &c
S/ Jno. K. Armistead