

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Gower R4168

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State of Tennessee, Lawrence County: SS

On this first day of July 1850 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of said County of Lawrence now sitting Matthew Gower a resident of Lawrence County in the State of Tennessee aged eighty-eight 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

Affiant joined Captain Jeremiah Menasco's company of militia volunteered as a private who volunteered to serve during the continuance of the War of the American Revolution, the said company belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Childs [Lt. Col. Thomas Child's] of Montgomery County North Carolina: affiant is unable by reason of his great age to place precisely the date of his entering the said Service, but remembers that it was soon after the British came to the City of Charleston South Carolina<sup>1</sup> after the battle at Camden [August 15-16 1780] & Continued in such service as a private until news of peace reached the Army. During the continuance of affiant in the said service his said company & Regiment served as Rangers in Montgomery, Richmond & the adjacent counties of North Carolina: the only other officer whose name affiant can remember is Major Jas. Crump [James Crump?]<sup>2</sup> & Colonel Edward Williams, the latter of Richmond County NC. Affiant remembers that seven Tories were taken & five of them condemned to be hung during his said service: that he has no discharge or other documentary evidence of his said service & does not know of any person living by whom he can prove such service. Affiant relinquishes all claim to pensions other than that now applied or & declares his name is not on any pension roll of the Agency of this or any other state.

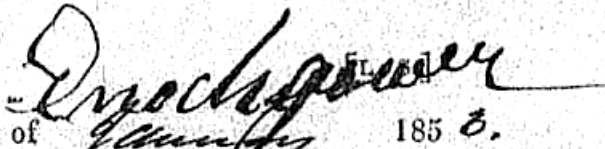
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above named.

S/ S. A. Carrell, Clerk

S/ Matthew Gower, X his mark

[Noah Parker & Hardy Clayton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On January 29, 1853 in Lawrence County Tennessee, Enoch Gower executed a power of attorney in which he states he is a son of Matthew Gower, a revolutionary war soldier.

  
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<sup>1</sup> Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780

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