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Pension Application of John Owen R7844

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The Declaration of John Owen of Barren County Kentucky taken on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1839 in open Court at the Court house in Barren County in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 "entitled an act suplimentary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution, John Owen a resident of Barren County Kentucky came into open Court on the day and year aforesaid and made oath to the following statements that he is seventy five years old, That he entered the service in the Army of the Revolution on the tenth day of January 1781. he joined Captain Francis Degrafin Reid's [sic: Francis Degraffenreid's] Company of drafted men and rendezvous'd at a place call'd the (long honery) about 12 miles west of Petersburgh Virginia [sic: Long Ordinary in Dinwiddie County about 3 miles from Petersburg] that the Regiment was commanded by Colo. Merriweather [sic: Meriwether]. We marched from Petersburg down to the dismal swamps where we remained untill about the first of April guarding the Country from the depredations of the British and Tories who were located at a Fort about 10 or 12 miles from York town and were committing depredations and robbing the people for some miles around, we attacked this Fort on one occasion, but the British and tories had their cannon well arranged and played upon us so that we were unable to take the Fort in this engagement. we were commanded by Colonel Merriweather there was then a strong reinforcement to the British Army and they came in great numbers after us. we were then at a place called Suffolk we retreated a cross into the State of North Carolina, where this deponent was taken sick and remained in a hospital until about the first of May 1781. he then returned home to Lunenburg County Virginia, and in the fore part of the fall of the year 1781 he was again drafted for a three months tour and rendezvous'd at Dozil's mill in Amelia County, and was commanded by Captain Joseph Knight, his colonel's name was David Stokes [D. C. Stokes, Jr.]. we marched through Petersburg to a place call'd Nusomes Fields where we received a large reinforcement, and marched on to the Siege of York (or York Town) [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] he was taken sick and remained untill some time in the month of November 1781. when he was brought home to Lunenburg County. Subscribed and sworn to in open Court this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1839

[signed] John Owen

NOTE: On Joseph Owen, 73, of Barren County, stated that he had known John Owen from his youth, and that he had served as stated.