

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Frederick Owen S1578

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State of Tennessee } On this 25th day of May AD 1833 personally appeared before Thomas Edmiston
Davidson County } an acting justice of the peace in and for said county of Davidson and state
aforesaid Frederic Owen Sen'r age 82 years a resident of said county who being first duly sworn
according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the
provision of the act of Congress passed 7th June AD 1832 That he entered the service under the following
named officers and served as herein stated I entered the service of the United States in the year 1777 I
think into a volunteer company commanded by Capt Nathaniel Dunn we rendezvoused at Mr Hall's in
Sussex county in the state of Virginia. We marched from Hall's to a place called old Court House in Surry
County same State under Col Henry Gee from thence to Smithfield I think in a county called Ily white
[sic: Isle of Wight] joining Surry thence down towards Portsmouth We stormed the Piquet and drove the
British into their forts. I was marched to several places which I cannot at this distance of time recollect. I
served at least six months service I never had a discharge I have no documentary evidence of my service I
know of no person who can prove my service except John Owen [pension application W5461] who lives
in Smith County Tennessee, and I know not whether he could prove my service if he was here and It
would be very inconvenient to procure his testimony.

1 Where and when were you born? I was born in the state of Virginia Sussex county in the year 1751.

2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? I have no record of my age.

3 Where were you living when called into the service? Where have you lived since the revolutionary war?
And where do you now live? I was living in Sussex County in the state of Virginia when called into
service, where I lived until 1808 when I moved to Williamson County Tennessee and lived there about 18
months when I moved to Davidson County Tennessee where I now live and have been living ever since.

4 How were you called into the service. were you drafted Did you volunteer or were you a substitute and
if so for whom? I volunteered part of my service and the other part I was called into service by divisions
of the men and served by lot or by rotation. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with
the troops where you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general
circumstances of your service. There were Col Gray Jenkins Col [Henry] Gee Col Duvall and the Gen I
do not recollect. there was Col Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben] who paraded the troops I recollect of no
continental or militia regiments. By reason of old age and consequent loss of memory I can not detail any
further of the general circumstances of my service than I have done. I have no doubt I served much more
than six months but not knowing the precise time above that I have only claimed six months service
which I can safely state. State the names of of the persons in your present neighborhood to whom you are
known and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services in the
revolution

I am acquainted with Capt John Frost Thomas Waller James Sneed Moses Speers and John Alford who
can testify to my character for veracity and to their belief of my services in the revolution. I hereby
relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declare my name is not on
the pension roll of any agency in any state Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above
written

[signed] Frederick Owen