

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Owens S16500

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State of Kentucky } SS.

Bracken County }

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 personally appeared in the Court aforesaid, now sitting as a court for the County of Bracken William O[page torn] a resident of Macon County, aged sixty nine years who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he resided in Fauquier County Virginia, and was called out to serve a tour of duty as a militia man about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1781 under the command of Capt. John O'Bannon & Colonel Armstead Churchill [sic: Armistead Churchill], from Fauquir Ct House we marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], from thence to Richmond where we were discharged about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1781 haveing performed a tour of three months, we were discharged by Capt O'Bannon

Some time in August 1781 he was again drafted as a militia man at Fauquir in Virginia under the command of Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Col [Elias] Edmonds, Maj'r. Welsh [sic: Nathaniel Welch], Capt James Winn, Lt. John Bradford & Ensign Barber and marched to Williamsburgh from thence under the Command of Maj'r. Gen'l [Thomas] Nelson & Gen'l. Washington to York Town, or Little York as it was sometimes called, we here remained until after Cornwallis surrendered in October [19<sup>th</sup>] when & where being sick he was discharged by Col Elias Edmonds having performed at this time a tour of three months – [illegible word] he performed two tours of three months each in 1781 as a Virginia Militia Man during the revolutionary war. His certificates of service he sent on to the War Office at Richmond Virginia and for his service above detailed he received a warrant for 4375 acres of land [see endnote]. His neighbour William Figgins [pension application R3536] whom he has known ever since can prove his service the first Term, and his old friend John Hathway [sic: John Hathaway, R4745] whom he has known ever since can prove his last Tour, and that he has made his declaration in Bracken in consequence of the convenience in getting his witnesses. [signed] William Owens

NOTE: "4375 acreas of land" appears to be an error. Privates were generally eligible for 55 acres.