

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Oney¹ S18147

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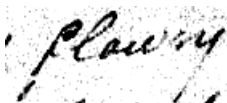
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State of Virginia County of Southampton: SS

On this 19 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Southampton now sitting William Oney a resident of Nottoway parish in the County of Southampton and State of Virginia aged seventy-one years and six months agreeable to the best information he can obtain from others born at or about the same time who have a register of their ages, he has none of his that he knows of, 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 7th 1832 –

That he entered the service of the State of Virginia under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. He was enrolled in the militia in the County of Southampton in April 1777 a few days after he was seventeen years old and was drafted into the 2nd division, and was ordered into service at that time under Captain John Taylor Major Wills and Colonel Book Wills, and served a tower [tour] of duty of six weeks marching through Isle of Wight & Nansemond [counties], he then served a tower under Captain Myrick and Colonel Blunt in said Counties, he then served under Captain Samuel Kello and marched up James River and was in the Battle at Petersburg [April 25, 1781], under Majors Duval and Boyce and General Muhlenberg, after the battle at Petersburg he then listed in a light Infantry Company commanded by Captain wood heard Major Boyce and Colonel Dick, he was then in an engagement below Richmond at flowry hundred [perhaps, Flowerdew Hundred]², he was in another engagement at Sandy Point – and was discharged at Goochland Court House served three months – the next tower he was under Captain Whitehead Major Decloman [Christian Charles de Klauman] Major Boykin, Colonel Gaskins at Williamsburg when General Washington came there, he says he served other powers and under other Officers that he cannot recollect, nor can he say with any degree of certainty how long he served during the war, but served at different times from April 1777 until after the British Army surrendered at York Town (he thinks he must have served eighteen months or two years) he was discharged and returned to South Hampton where he has resided ever since, As to the different times when he entered the service, the length of the Towers of duty or many of the Officers names, the lapse of time and the effects of age it is impossible for him to recollect: – he never had a written discharge as it was not customary for the Militia in them days to receive them – that he resided in the County of Southampton and always entered

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the service from that County, that he marched through the Counties of Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Norfolk, Surry, Prince George, and Rico, James City, York, Warwick and others that he does not recollect the names of – that he has no documentary evidence, but has the Testimony of two witnesses that were in the service with him – say Elias Love³ & Henry Love⁴

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Oney



State of Virginia South Hampton County

This day personally appeared before us Benj. Griffin & George G. G. Gray two of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid Elias Love of the County aforesaid and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that they were with the said William Oney in service in the Revolutionary War at Petersburg when the battle was fought there, and at many other places and under a number of the officers as named in his declaration say Richmond, York and the old Gleek [?].

Given under our hands & seals this __ day of __

S/ Benj. Griffin, JP

S/ Geo. G. G. Gray, JP

[Nicholas J Barham, a clergyman, and Lewis N. Branch gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Southampton William who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than 18 months and always as a private militia man and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Geo. G. G. Gray, JP

Statement of William Oney's Service as a militia man (private) in the Revolutionary War in the Militia of the State of Virginia

Names of Comm under men whom he served	Places served at	with what troops	whether in civil employ	Length of Service
Capt. John Taylor	In Nansemond County at the old Gleab [?] & In scouting parties reconnoitering the [indecipherable word or words] in James River	With the militia ordered out by authority Colonel B. Well commanding	In no civil employ	Eight weeks

³ [Elias Love S18092](#)

⁴ FPA S8856

Capt. Myrick	On Nansemond River & Smithfield marching through the country from Suffolk to James River & on its Banks	With [one or more indecipherable words] of militia ordered out by authority & commanded by Col. Wills	In no civil employment	Six weeks
Capt. Samuel Kellow	In Cabin Point and on James River from thence to Petersburg where we had an engagement with the Enemy from there up the country and back again to Flowry Hundred on James River	With the militia of the state General Muhlenberg Major Decloman & Boyce commanding	In no civil employ	Three months
Capt. Woodard	On the mouth of James River with the York River & in the County of Charles City	With a volunteer company of militia Colonel Dick commanding	In no civil employ	two months
Capt. Jesse Whitehead 1781	At Williamsburg where General Washington [indecipherable words] our term then nearly out we were ordered across the River to Meads Mills to get timber	With militia ordered out by authority	In no civil employ	eight weeks

Length of service as stated above 10 months & a half

The applicant cannot state with more certainty the time of his entering the service or the time of the different periods of his service the service he was then being of such nature that at this lapse of time his impossible for him to give a detailed account of it and although he is certain he served longer than above stated he can only state the above with certainty. Sworn to before me one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace for the County of Southampton this the [illegibly faint] day of [illegibly faint] 1833

S/ William Oney

S/ Geo. G. G. Gray, JP

[f p. 4: On March 27, 1855 in Southampton County Virginia, the veteran filed for his bounty land entitlement signing his name



document.]

. He did not state his age in this

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months and 3 days in the Virginia service.]