

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Frederick Owen S21907 NC
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The State of South Carolina
Anderson District

On the sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court being the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas for said District Frederic Owen a resident of the State and District aforesaid who being first duly sworn as the law directs doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832–

The applicant was born in Granville County N.C. near Virginia some 80 years ago 15th Dec. last, where he lived during the Revolutionary War. He first volunteered under Capt William Gill though his company consisted principally of drafted men for 5 months attached to Col. Thornton Yanceys Regiment commanded by Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford marched through S. Carolina having first assembled at Salisbury [NC] and joined Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln at Purysburg [sic: Purysburgh SC] near Savannah. Some skirmishes this tour with Tories and detachments of British though of small moment. Discharged in April [1779] but did not reach home until latter part of May being out he thinks 6 months.

Second tour drafted and served three months under Captain Reuben Sercy, Col. William Moore & Gen'l. [John] Butler– marched into the Waxhaw settlement [sic: Waxhaws SC] joined Gen'l [Daniel] Morgan, Col. [William] Washington & [Col. Henry] Lee of the Cavalry & Gen'l. [William Lee] Davidson afterward killed on the Catawba [at Cowan's Ford 1 Feb 1781]–

Third tour drafted under Capt. Richard Harrison [later Maj. Richard Harrison of Granville County Militia], Col. Moore & Gen'l. Butler– again marched into S. Carolina and about Ramsour's Mills [sic: possibly Ramsey's Mill on Deep River rather than Ramseur's Mill on the Catawba] & Bells Mills on Deep river 3 months– discharged.

Fourth tour volunteered under Capt. John Gwyn of the Light horse finding his own horse. Col. Joseph Taylors regiment commanded by Gen'l. Butler– went to Wake Court House and guarded the North Carolina assembly. Served three months–

Fifth tour was drafted under Capt Lewis Bennett– Col. Phil Taylors regiment– Gen'l. Butler– marched in the direction of Salisbury & Mecklenburg with no Regular officers. Cols [William Richardson] Davie & Henderson commanded Militia Light horse– Served 2-three months.

Sixth tour, drafted and served three months under Capt. Gideon Yonge and Col. Joseph Taylor. Marched to Hillsboro to guard the Legislature again.

He was afterwards drafted to serve three months under Capt. Elijah Evans but being sick with ague and fever received from his Capt a furlough to join the army when he got well, before which Cornwallis was taken at which his company was present when they were disbanded. This Deponent was in no regular fought battles but always thought his General was principally in fault as he evinced from is conduct not to be anxious. He often reached Cornwallis camp before the fires were out but never would overtake him– He thinks they ought to have him at Gates defeat but for unnecessary delay.

He has no written discharge or documentary proof of service. His name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state and he hereby relinquishes all claim to pension or annuity except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed day and year aforesaid Frederick hisXmark Owen

South Carolina } Personally appeared before me Daniel Owen and being duly sworn says that he
Anderson District } was a boy during the war of the Revolution being from Nine to fifteen years of
age during that time. That he has a distinct recollection of many of the events of that time and knows that
his older brother Frederic Owen who with this Deponent lived in their fathers family in Granville County
near the Virginia Line was frequently absent from home on tours of duty under various commanders in
the Whig Service – and knows that he was in favour of american Independence throughout the Struggle.

This Deponent has long resided in the District aforesaid but is now on the eve of removing to the Western Country and cannot without great inconveniences be present at the next Court of Common Pleas for this District.

Sworn to & subscribed Before me/ Wm McMurry JP [signed] Daniel owens

NOTES: On 30 Oct 1832 Andrew Hughes (pension application W25805) certified Owen's first tour.