

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Owsley S35544

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Garrard County and the Circuit Ct.

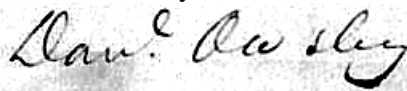
To the Honorable William L Kelley Circuit Judge for the Garrard Circuit The Petition of Thomas Owsley Senior of the State aforesaid respectfully states, That he is now sixty-eight years of age and from his reduced circumstances in life is in need of the assistance of the Federal government. That he served as a regular soldier in the revolutionary war in the Continental line between two and three years and about two years as a minute man: That he enlisted in the County of Loudon [Loudoun] in the then colony of Virginia under Captain William Smith as a Sergeant in the month of September and was attached to the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment in General Woodford's Brigade. That he marched from thence to Philadelphia and from there to the White Plains. That he left the Army in the winter 1784—with his Discharge which he has since lost. That he was taken [f p. 7—pages out of order] prisoner on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1780 (as well as he recollects) at the battle of Germantown [sic, October 4, 1777], where he was badly wounded, and continued with the British a prisoner until the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July following when he was exchanged, the Continental part of his service he is ready to prove.

S/ Thomas Owsley Sr.



Daniel Owsley states on oath that he knows that the above petitioner Thomas Owsley was a private in the regular Service of the US during the Revolutionary War: and believes the period of his service in that capacity was about what he has stated in the foregoing petition

S/ Danl. Owsley



[f p. 9: Portions of the document transcribed below are illegibly faint as indicated by "..."]  
...Term 1821 The following...Thomas Owsley a pensioner—with the Judge... Viz., State of Kentucky 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District & Circuit court For Rockcastle County Ct.

On this 26 day of June A.D. 1821 personally appeared in Open Court before the Court above mentioned it being a Court of record by Act of Assembly and proceeding according to the course of the Common law Thomas Owsley aged upwards of seventy years resident in Rockcastle County in the District aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz. –  
Six years three years in the regular Army of the United [States] in the Company commanded by

Charles Morgan in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in the Brigade commanded by General Woodford – that this Regiment belonged to the Virginia line upon Continental establishment, that the matters aforesaid are more explicitly stated in his Original Declaration made on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1818 upon which he has received a certificate for a pension as a Sergeant dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1819 which is not numbered on its face but which has on its back the figures 7099 – And at the same time upon his oath aforesaid the said Thomas Owsley Stated that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed viz. No land Note Stock of animals No money two suits of clothes one of the value of \$10 the other of the value of \$5;

Thomas Owsley, X his mark

The man said Thomas Owsley further stated that about the year 1801 he executed to his children a deed of Gift which included all the property he then had or which he ever would have. That said Deed was regularly acknowledged & recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Pulaski County Court and also in the State of Ohio, that the property transferred to his children under said deed consisted principally of two Bonds for the conveyance of land one for twenty-five acres of poor land in Pulaski and one other for a small tract of land not worth more than \$100 and one or two small notes. He further saith that he has no other property than what is contained in the Schedule in his own right – but that some has been conveyed to his children some years ago without any view or intention of so diminishing his property as to bring himself within the Act of Congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and without any ... Intention to put himself upon the County or Country for Support. The said Thomas Owsley at the same time upon his oath stated that he is a cultivator of the Ground but from age and infirmity unable to perform much labor that his wife and four children resides with him wife Dianah upwards of sixty years old is infirm and can labor but little, his Daughter Sally nineteen years old is able to maintain herself – his son Henry B. Owsley aged about seventeen is able to maintain himself by his labor – His Daughter Nancy aged upwards of fourteen is able to maintain herself by her labor – his Daughter Betsey aged thirteen years also is able to maintain herself by her labor –

Sworn to and declared on the day first mentioned and subscribed in Court –

[Facts in file: veteran died November 3, 1825, place not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 25, 1818, for service as a Sergeant for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Kentucky Rockcastle County: Sct.

Thomas Owsley appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he enlisted in the Virginia Continental Service in Captain Charles Slaughter Company

Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rifle Regiment for during the War in the year 1776 and that he continued to serve in said Regiment until the Battle of German Town when he was taken prisoner and in twelve months afterwards he was exchanged and continued in service until the year 1783 at the end of the War, At which time he was honorably discharged in Loudoun County Virginia and that he has never received his land bounty, and that his discharge is lost.

S/ Thomas Owsley, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1821

S/ Thos. B. Baity, JP

State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct.

John Clark<sup>1</sup> appeared before me a justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with the within named Thomas Owsley in the Revolutionary War and was a prisoner and confined in Jail in Philadelphia with the said Owsley – and that said Thomas Owsley Enlisted in the Virginia Continental line in the Company and Regiment mentioned in his Affidavit for during the war and that he served to the end thereof in the year 1783 at which time he was honorably discharged as stated in said Owsley's Affidavit as he is informed and that said Thomas Owsley is a resident of Kentucky and as far as this Affiant knows is a credible person.

S/ John Clarke

Sworn to and subscribed before me & I certify that the deponent John Clark is a credible witness on oath given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1 1821

S/ James G Woods, JP

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<sup>1</sup> [John Clarke S35843](#)