

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Owens S36200

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DISTRICT OF Georgia, SS.

On this 22<sup>d</sup> day of march 1820, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Superior Court for the said district, personally appeared Joseph Owens aged sixty four years, resident in the County of Columbia in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said Joseph Owens enlisted for the term of during the War on the fifth day of May in the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight in Cissell [sic: Cecil] County in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Ferdinand O'Neal [Ferdinand O'Neal, pension application R16846] of the regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Lee in the line of Lees Legion on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the year seventeen hundred & Eighty three, when he was discharged from service in Charleston state of South Carolina, that he was in the battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and a great number of reencountres with the Enemy and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Joseph hisXmark Owens [Joseph Tankersley (pension application R20201) certified that he had served three years with Owens.]

Georgia } On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of  
Columbia County } Record for said County Joseph Owens aged sixty-one resident in said County  
who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served  
in the Revolutionary War as follows in Capt Ferdinand O'Neal Company called the Second Troop in the  
Legion Commanded by Colo. Henry Lee, for upwards of Five years

The declarant has not received any pension but has received a Certificate dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1820 No 16,796 that he is entitled to a pension of Eight Dollars per month to commence on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of March 1820, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of all the property belonging to necessary Clothing & Bedding excepted towit

No property of any description

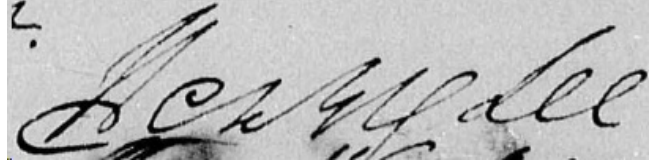
The declarant is a planter but is now able to do but little work, he makes some corn &c. And has no famaley but himself

(Signed) Jos. Owens

[In Nov 1799 and on 22 May 1801 Joseph Owens assigned powers of attorney to obtain bounty land from the federal government. The following two certificates were appended.]

Joseph Owens was a dragoon in the Partizan Legion & did serve during the war.

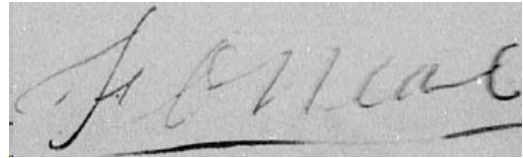
Henry Lee/ then Lt. Colo. [illegible] Legion

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Lee".

State of Georgia } Personally app'd before me one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and  
Jefferson County } for said County Fardand Oneal and made oath according to law that he has been  
well acquainted with Joseph Owens, the very man who gives the within power of attorney and that he  
knows him to be the same Joseph Owens who served in the late Continental army as a Dragoon Soldier in  
the Second troop Commanded by Capt Fardinand Oneal of Colo Lees Legion and that said Owens did  
continue in said Legion untill regularly discharged at the time of disbanding the said Legion at the close  
of the war this deponant further saith he served as a Captain in the said Lees legion where he became  
acquainted with said Owens, after said Owens came to Columbian County in the state of Georgia where he  
has generally lived and has been and is now employ'd in agriculture and knows him to be the same  
Joseph Owens who served under me in Colo. Lees Legion and who gave this power of attorney for his  
bounty of Land in due him for his services

F ONeal

[18 Nov 1801]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fardand Oneal".

[From [Revolutionary Rejected Claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

Maryland SS } Be it known that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1823 personally appeared before me a  
Cecil County } Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Robert Crouch [pension  
application S34717] a citizen of the County of Cecil in the state of Maryland late a Trumpeter in the 2<sup>d</sup>  
Troop in Lt Colo. Henry Lee's Legion being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that he was  
well acquainted with Joseph Owens and that said Owens enlisted in Colo. Lees Legion in the service of  
the united states. This deponent saith that the said owens enlisted in the County of Cecil in the state of  
Maryland in the year 1778 in said Lees Legion and continued to serve to the close of the Revolutary war  
in the year 1783 and Received honorable discharge at Elkton in the month of Augst AD 1783 by Capt  
Randolph[?]

[signed] Robert Crouch