

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Vincent Owens S4639

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State of Pennsylvania } Ss.

County of Washington }

On this fifth day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me Boyd Mercer one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Washington aforesaid, Vincent Owen, a resident of said County, aged near ninety two years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the State line of Virginia in the year 1778 with David Layhew [David Leheu/ Leyhew/ Lehw, pension application S22355] Thomas Morgan [S2861] Jeremiah Layhew Simon Harrell [W8895] and others, in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia State Line under the following named officers: Col. [William] Brent commanded the Regiment. The Capt'n. under whom he enlisted was a Capt'n. [William] Fields, but that he was afterwards under other Captains one of whom was Capt'n Boswell or Bozzle [Machen Boswell R19364]. Capt'n. Fields having been broke of his Commission. He thinks there was a Major Lee [John Lee] belonging to the Regiment in which he served. That he first enlisted for three years, but cannot now recollect the month when he enlisted – thinks it was in the Spring of 1778. That he served out his three years and was afterwards drafted, he thinks for a year perhaps only six months. That he was thus drafted immediately after having ended his three years enlistment. That he cannot recollect when he left the service, but knows that he was in the service at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and that he left the service soon afterwards. That he lived at the time of enlistment in Front Royal Frederick County Virginia That he was under General [Anthony] Wayne at the taking of Stony point [Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] at which time his capt'n. he thinks was the Capt'n Bozzle or Boswell above named. That he cannot now at his great age, and at so great a distance of time from the events of his service recollect much about the county through which he marched. Can recollect that he was near the ground of the Battle of Brandywine on the day of that battle [11 Sep 1777] also that after the taking of Stony point they marched the prisoners taken to a place called Goshen.

He further states that he received a written discharge signed he thinks by Col. Brent, but that he has lost it.

He further states on oath as aforesaid, that in the year 1819 he applied for a pension under an act then lately passed, but that his application was rejected. His papers however he believes & has been told by Hon. Thomas Snow[?], late a member of Congress from Fayette & Greene Counties Pennsylvania, and or were in 1828 on file in the War Department, and that he has been informed by the same that his name was found on the rolls of the Virginia State Troops in the War Department. That when he applied in 1819 he had the testimony of David Layhew & Thomas Morgan to establish his service, but that they cannot now be found to procure their testimony.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Vincent hisXmark Owens

[The following document is among the [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Brownsville Fayette County State of Pennsylvania/ March 3d 1834  
To the Governor and Council of Virginia  
You memorialist Vincent Owens Sen. respectfully represents

That being a citizen of Virginia during the Revolutionary War he enlisted under Capt Field in Front Royal, Frederick County, Virginia & served also under Capt B[?]zel and also under General Washington, that contrary to the terms of enlistment he was marched out of the State. He also represents that he served under Gen. Brent and Gen. Wayne, [one or two illegible words] Virginia and was under the latter at the taking of Stony Point, and at the surrender of Cornwallis, and was one of the guard of prisoners from Stony Point to Goshen

Your memorialist further represents that he has been put on the pension roll of the United States, but that upon application to the general government for bounty land, he is informed that he must look to the state of Virginia.

He further represents that he is about 94 years of age and that he trusts the authorities of Virginia will speedily do justice to his claim, as he has not received a dollar from that state, and being in indigent circumstances it would, really tend to correct [three illegible words]

Your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Vincent hisXmark Owens

NOTE: A document in the file certifies that Vincent Owens died on 20 March 1834 leaving the following children: Vincent Owens, innkeeper, of East Bethlehem Township in Washington County; Richard Owens, sailor, of the same township; Letitia Beggs, wife of John Beggs of the same township; Jane Shion, wife of Ebenezer Shion of Bridgeport Borough in Fayette County PA; and Lucinda Draper, wife of Edward Draper also of Bridgeport Borough.