

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Owens S4640

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The State of Ohio Jackson County, Ss.

On this Eighteenth day of September A.D. Eighteen hundred & Thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Owens a resident of the United States in the County of Jackson and State of Ohio, aged seventy 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 Act of Congress, passed June seventh, Eighteen hundred and thirty two. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, towit, The Field officers were Col. Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] & Col. Boman [sic: Abraham Bowman, pension application W396] and Maj. Helperstine [sic: Peter Helphenstine]. The Company officers were, Capt John Stinson, or Stephenson [sic: John Stevenson], & Lieuts. Robert Bell [sic: Robert Beall] and Edward Rice. He believes in January 1775 he entered the service as a volunteer at Pittsburg Pa. [Fort Pitt at present Pittsburgh] and resided in the County at the time of entering and continued to serve for one year on his first service. That during this Term of service he was in and fought at the engagement at Fort Moultrie, Sullivans Island in South Carolina [probably at Breach Inlet, 21-29 Jun 1776]. That he marched from Pittsburgh through Winchester Va to what was called the Big Bridge [Great Bridge] near Norfolk Virginia & remained there for a short time, and continued to march through North Carolina & South Carolina. Sometime he thinks in June – a short time before the engagement of Fort Moultrie before mentioned, and afterwards was marched back to Savannah & Sunbury [sic: Savannah and Sunbury] in Georgia and through North Carolina and Virginia home. That afterwards he entered the service as a substitute for William Batrup of Westmorland County Pennsylvania [sic: Westmoreland County, then considered part of Virginia] for the Term of Eighteen months, that under this engagement he entered the ninth Virginia Regiment at Pittsburgh Pa some time in the year 1779 and served to the end of said Term under the following named officers, towit The Field Officers were Colonels John Gibson and Richard Campbell. The Company officers were, Capt. Robert Bell [Robert Beall] and some time Capt Uriah Springer, during which time he was engaged in Garrison duty. That during the first Term of service he was attached to the Eighth Virginia Continental Regiment – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll or agency of any State. He also states that he had a discharge which is lost [signed] William Owens

Questions

Where and in what year were you born? In Fredrick [sic: Frederick] County Va in the year 176[?]

Have you any record of your age? I have none in particular

Where were you living when you were called into the service? In Westmorland County Pennsylvania at the time of the Revolution, forty five years since that, at the mouth of Kanahaway [sic: Kanawha River] Virginia, and several years past in Jackson County Ohio

How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? I was as above stated the first Term a Volunteer, the last a substitute for William Batrup

State the name of some of the regular officers, who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service

I cannot now make any other or further statements in relation to officers or circumstances than heretofore stated

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it

I received a discharge from Col. John Gibson the last time which is lost the first time he does not

recollect from whom he received it

And finally he appeals with confidence to every man in the County of Jackson of note as to his standing for veracity & the belief of his character as a soldier in the Revolution

[1 June 1833]

The deposition of John Clark of the State of Ohio and County of Hocking, being of lawful age (and revolutionary soldier on the pension List [pension application not found]) deposeth and saith that he has been acquainted with William Owens in Westmorland County Pittsburg Pa. from a boy up to this time; This deponent does not know any thing about William Owens having entered the service at Pittsburg in the manner stated by him, being at the time in the South as a soldier himself; but this Deponent knows and distinctly recollects that about the year 1776 the said William Owens now of the State of Ohio and County of Jackson was at Charleston in South Carolina under the Command of Capt. John Stinson or Stephenson and Lieuts. Robert Bell and Edward Rice, and Cols. Boman and Mulenburg and Maj. Helphenstine the Field Officers. This deponent further states that the said William Owens was on Sullivans Island at the engagement of Fort Moultrie. This deponent further states that after the engagement this Deponent and the said William Owens were marched to Savanah where this deponent remained and the said William Owens was marched to Sunburry, and this deponent knows no further of the services of the said William Owens under this Term.

This Deponent further further states that he knows that the said William Owens some time afterwards probably upwards of a year was in the service again as he understood as a substitute in the Company commanded by Capt. Robert Bell, and he believes Cols John Gibson and Richard Campbell as Field Officers, he knows that the said William Owens was discharged from this last service by Col. Gibson. And finally he believe that all the statements made by Col. William Owens are entitled to the utmost credance

John hisXmark Clark