

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

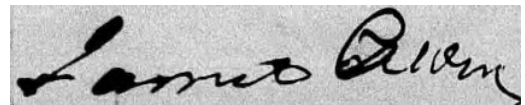
Pension Application of James Owen S5134

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State of Tennessee Robertson County

This day being the Thirteenth day of August one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the county Court of Robertson County now sitting James [possible illegible middle initial] Owen a resident in the County of Robertson and State of Tennessee aged 70 years the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he entered the Service of the united States under the following Nam'd officers and served as here in stated he states that he was a substitute in my fathers place Valentine Owen in the latter part of May Seventeen hundred and Seventy Six and was placed under Capt William Snow to Charlestown South Carolina met there at Charlestown and staid there twenty or twenty five days and took the Oath of allegiance under Gov. Rutlge [sic: John Rutledge] and from there to hadwells point [sic: Haddrell Point] and there we joined under Col. Orea [sic: Daniel Horry] and from there to Sulivans island and remained there until Sir Peter Parker came and attacked the fort and got completely drub'd[?] [Battle of Sullivans Island SC, 28 Jun 1776] and then back to hatwells point and from there to Charles town and there discharged in Charlestown and in the fall of seventeen hundred and seventy seven moved back to brunswic [sic: Brunswick] County State of Virginia then was called out in the millitia service and served about one month and returned home and then I enlisted under Capt Joseph Greenhill and Charles Easley Lieutenant and from there we went to petersburg and ther we staid and Exercised our horses and under Barrel Stuvan [sic: Baron von Steuben] and from there we went up to the long honerry [sic: Long Ordinary about 3 mi above Petersburg] and there discharged then in the spring one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one the militia was calld upon again then I substituted for Benjamin Lane then we march'd to Richard lain[?] and there I listed under buck Stiff in the hors service for the same term and served the tower out in dimwoody [Dinwiddie County] and brunswick and then discharged then in the fall of 1781 the militia was calld out agin out of brunswic County Virginia We marched out under Col Rich'd Eliot and Maj Thos Edmunds [Richard Elliott and Thomas Edmunds] my Capt was Howel Eldridge we march'd down to Swans point [Swanns Point] upon James river will there we had a draft at Swans point and I drew to go to little york to face old Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis] and we did face him [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and Col Merry Withers [sic: Meriwether] was our Col. We march'd from there up to Williamsburg and there got a discharge from under Col marry Withers hand & that he has no papers to show any thing about his service at this time nor does he know of any person by which he can prove the same & he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not nor ever has been on any pension roll of this or an other state or Teretory Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

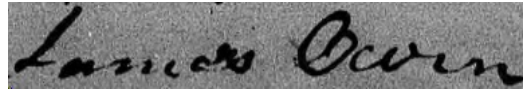


State of Tennessee }

Robertson County } This day being the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 James Owen a resident in the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn before Meredith Walton Esq'r. a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

States in addition to his age mentioned in his original declaration (to which this is appended & forms a component part) that he has no record of his age, that his knowledge of his age was handed down by his parents, that he was by them informed that his age was recorded in old Kettlestick Church in Dinwiddie

County Virginia where he was born That when he was first called into service in the army of the revolution he was then a resident in the State of South Carolina that the period of his service in 1776 was three months, in 1777 one month under Col [illegible word] Watson in Capt. Wm. Harrison [William Harrison] Company that in the third tour of duty mentioned in his original declaration he served three months. that in his fourth tour of duty he served under Capt Buckstiff two months That in the fifth tour of duty mentioned as before he served two months as an orderly sergeant he received one discharge signed by Col Merryweather but what ever he done with it he knows not and whether he received other discharges or not he does not recollect he also states that since the revolutionary war he has resided in Warren County North Carolina from whence he moved to the State of Tennessee where he now resides and has resided twenty four years last past. he further states that he is personally known to Maj'r. Hugh Henry, Capt. David Henry, John Cone, Thomas Woodard, Arthur Pell, Joseph Winfield and many others who he deems needless to enumerate who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, which additional declaration is made in the County of Robertson & State of Tennessee

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Owen". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

NOTE: A letter from the pension office in Nashville dated 29 Jan 1854 states that James Owen died 19 Feb 1833, and that his wife had died earlier. It lists their surviving children as follows: Nancy Johnson, wife of Arthur Johnson, living in Illinois; James Owen; Henrietta Coutts, wife of John Coutts; Polly Cook, wife of Robert Cook; Minor Baggett, widow of Jesse J. Baggett; Frances Baggett, wife of Eli Baggett; Joseph W. Owen; Susan Ann England, wife of Joseph England; and John Owen (living in Ohio when last heard from in June 1832). The letter also lists the following grandchildren of James Owen: Nancy Savage, Wilie Savage, Thomas Savage, Lucy Savage, Polly Savage, and James Cook.