

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Owings S9449

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District } In the [Court of] Common Pleas

On this 19 day of October personally appeared in open court before Richard Gant, one of the Judges of the court of common pleas now [sitting] Richard Owings, Senior, a resident of Laurens District South Carolina aged about 85 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832, viz: He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He volunteered under Capt. John Rodgers in what year he does not recollect and marched to the Indian line on Reedy River where he was stationed six months guarding the frontier settlements; was engaged during the term in scouting the country. Having served 6 months, he returned home.

He again afterwards volunteered under Capt. Chew [John Drury Chews], 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Mitcherson [sic, William Mitchison?] & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Drury Johnson; marched to Guilder's Creek [sic, Gilder Creek] where we built a block house on the Indian line—at this place was stationed six months employed in scouting parties & guarding against Indian depredations—at the end of the six months was permitted to return home. The detachments in which he served were under the command of Col. Williams [James Williams]—never received a written discharge & has no documentary evidence—knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services. The Rev'd Gabriel Philips and Sterling Tucker can testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior.

<sup>1</sup>I was born in Baltimore County, Maryland in 1747.

I have no record of my age

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names 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.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I was living in Craven County, now Laurens District, when I entered the Service where I have lived ever since.

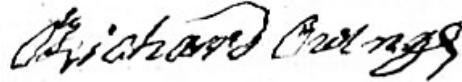
I recollect the name of no regular officers.

I never received a discharge.

The Rev. Gabriel Philips and Sterling Tucker are persons acquainted with me & can testify to my character for veracity & good behavior. I know of no person who can prove my services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Richard Owings

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Owings". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

[Gabriel Philips, a clergyman, and Sterling Tucker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

[Note: There is no South Carolina Audited Account for a veteran by this name.]