

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Owens S9450

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District

On this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before William D. Martin Esquire Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the District aforesaid now sitting, William Owens, a resident of the District in State aforesaid, aged as hereinafter stated, 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in Prince Williams County in Virginia in what year he cannot distinctly ascertain or depose. His father had a record of his age from his recollection of which, (the said record being now lost or not in his possession) and his age derived from the record during the Revolutionary War, he deposes as hereinafter set forth on that point. That before the commencement of that War he removed, when quite young with his father's family in to Granville County North Carolina, where he resided for many years and until the war. That soon after the commencement of the war, he was drafted for three months into the Militia of North Carolina. He served in a company commanded by Captain Abram Potter, and afterwards by Captain Clark. The detachment was under the command of General Butler [John Butler], and marched to join General Lincoln. General Williams was one of the officers with the Army. The Army marched on to Savannah where the British then were, that which was evacuated by them soon after. The Army then proceeded to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River. Deponent was sent with a detachment to guard the baggage wagons, where to he cannot now recollect. During his absence on this duty the battle of Stono ferry took place; soon after which he was discharged. He is quite aged and infirm, and his memory much impaired. As well as he can recollect this term of service was in the spring and he was absent from home near four months.

Sometime after this the British having taken possession of parts of North Carolina, he was again drafted as a guard for the Governor. Does not recollect the names of his officers on this tour of duty, nor of the Governor. Served in Granville County North Carolina as a guard for the Governor about one month, and was then discharged. Thinks this service was in the latter part of the summer.

Deponent was afterwards drafted into a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore, under General Butler, who came on with the detachment to Salisbury, where he left it.

Colonel Moore brought the detachment on to the Waxhaws and there encamped. Deponent was sent out on a foraging party, on his return Colonel Moore, who had in his absence been joined by Colonel Washington with about two hundred mounted men, was about marching to attack the Tory Colonel Rugeley near Camden. The foraging party were left in charge of the camp, while the detachment marched down, attacked and took Rugeley and his party. It returned to the camp with the prisoners, who were put into a pen made for the purpose, and guarded, until the detachment marched to Salisbury, a few days after the battle, when they were lodged in Gaol [Jail]. He was then discharged. Thinks this service was about three months, and in the fall season.

Deponent was again drafted into a Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor, Forgets his Captain. The Regiment was about to march to Ninety Six when a requisition was made by Colonel Long, then in Halifax, for a guard for certain stores he was about sending to General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] who was then encamped on the High Hills of Santee. Deponent was detached with the guard under Captain Yancey. The stores were delivered to General Green; and the guard returned. On reaching Salisbury, news of Peace was received; they were discharged, and he went home. This term of service was for three months, which were nearly expired when he reached time.

Deponent thinks that altogether he served from 9 to 12 months. His several discharges were by various persons, whom he does not recollect, and they are all lost. He will was always drafted and never was a substitute.

Deponent states that at the time he heard the news of Peace in Salisbury, he wanted about three years of being fifty years of age. He knows this from the facts that persons of fifty years of age were exempted from the drafts, which fixed his age at that time in his memory.

Deponent continued to reside in Granville County several years after the war. He then removed to Lancaster district, South Carolina, where he has resided ever since.

Deponent has no documentary evidence of his service; and his memory is so much impaired by age that he cannot be more particular in his statement. John Fleming, a resident of Lancaster District now living, was on duty with deponent during his third term of service, under Colonel William Moore. Rawley Hammonds,¹ now living, a citizen of Kershaw District, was also on service with deponent at the same time. He is so aged and infirm that he could not be got to this Court.

The deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the agency of the State of South Carolina, as a State Pensioner, and on no other whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court
S/ Jno Adams, Clerk
S/ William Owens, X his mark
[Jackey Perry and John J. Blackman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ This MAY be the same man whose widow filed for a pension. See, [Raleigh Hammond W11237](#)