

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Owens W10847

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District of Virginia Fauquir [sic: Fauquier] County in the State of Virginia Sct

On this 14th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber presiding and sole judge of the superior Court of law for said County of Fauquir in the District and State aforesaid personally appears Charles Owens aged sixty years and resident in the said County and district, who being first duly sworn by me according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That he the said Charles owens enlisted in March 1779 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain George Wails [sic: George Wales] of the Continental Army in the third Virginia Regiment in the Continental establishment That he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States untill October the 25th in the year 1780, when he was discharged from service in the state of North Carolina that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support
Charles hisXmark Owens

Fauquir County District and State of Virginia Sct

Made oath before me the subscriber Judge of the superior Court of Law for the said County of Fauquier William McClanahan [pension application S5742] that he served from the 25th day of April 1779 untill the 29th day of March 1780 [sic: see endnote] in the same regiment with Charles Owens commanded by Col Abram Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] in General Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade, the regiment underwent great hardships during this time, and that Charles owens is now in reduced circumstances

Prince William County to wit

On this 5th day of Septem'r 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County Charles Owens aged sixty four resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declair that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he served in the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Bedford* and in the Company Commanded by Captain Wallace that he was transfered to the Company Commanded by Capt. Crane and was under his command when discharged, and that he served in the Virginia line. that the date of his original declaration is the fourteenth of April one thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen and the Number of his pension Certificate is 9474 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of Property

Real Property none

Personal Property 3 Flag bottomed Chairs, 1 small Chest, 1 Small table, 1 Dutch Oven, 1 Tea Kettle, 2 Cows, 2 yearlings, 2 Calves, 1 Plough, 2 Hoes, 2 Axes – my Horse is taken in execution for rent – my occupation is that of a farmer but from my age and infirmity I am unable to make enough to pay my rent and support myself and am getting worse every year, my wife whose name is Lavina is the only person living with me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is in the sixty third year of her age and

contributes nothing towards my support

Chs. hisXmark Owens

*Buford in the original declaration filed in the office & by mistake entered Bedford. P D Davis C[ler]k

Fauquier County State and District of Virginia.

On this 20th day of December 1821 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County of Fauquier, personally appeared Charles Owens who on his oath, declares, that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Capt. George Wales, by Capt. Andrew Wallace and Capt. Thos. Howard [sic: Thomas Hord], all of the third Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Abraham Buford, in the service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Virginia, that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War which certificate he entrusted to the care of Capt. Gideon Johnston for the purpose of obtaining a certificate from the Secretary of War of his continuance on the Pension Roll, and was destroyed by him inadvertently, in September or October 1820 at his shop, in Warrenton, Fauquier County, Va. the said Gideon having used the same [illegible word] paper, deeming it useless.

Charles hisXmark Owens

NOTES:

Col. Abraham Buford was defeated with heavy casualties by Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion at Waxhaws SC on 29 May 1780. Owens made the following statement in support of the pension application of Daniel Boyd (S41454):

"Wm. McClanahan and Charles Owens the 24th day of September 1821 personally appeared in Open Court and made oath that Daniel Boyd who made the foregoing Declaration was a soldier in the Revolutionary War that they served with him in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buford or Bluford until his Defeat in South Carolina by Colonel Tarlton – all from February 1779 til 29th May 1780. And that from that time they had no knowledge of him till a short time past.

Wm. McClanahan

Charles hisXmark Owens"

On 26 Apr 1855 Sarah Owens, about 58, applied for a pension stating that as Sarah Elliott she married Charles Owens in Fauquier County about 13 Jan 1825, and he died in Prince William County between 18 Jan and 1 Apr of 1836. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 13 Jan 1825 by Charles Owens and George Elliott for the marriage of Owens to Sally Elliott of Fauquier County. On 14 Nov 1865 at age 70 Sarah Owens applied for restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which time she had subsisted by knitting and spinning.