

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bailey Owen (Owens) W3711 Polly fn100NC
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State of Tennessee Fentress County: On this the 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting it being a court of record Bailey Owen a resident citizen of the County of Fentress and State of Tennessee aged 74 years according to best information having no record of his age and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the United States passed the 7th of June in the year 1832; that he entered the Service of the United States in the revolutionary war, against the common Enemy of his Country in the State of North Carolina County a substitute in the place of Thomas Reid who had been drafted to serve a three months Tower [tour] the date of the time he entered said service he cannot recollect but he is certain it was in the last days of May or the first days of June he entered said service in said County under Captain James Denton, and Lieutenant John Mekins and marched off under said officers to Wilmington in said State and he was put under Major William Lewis and Colonel Lewis and stationed at Wilmington until his three months Tower was out was in no Battle no remarkable event happened during said Tower had a written discharge for his said Captain, and then returned home to the place from where he started and sometime thereafter the precise time not recollected he Enlisted in said County to serve nine months under Captain Matthew Ramsey a regular officer his Lieutenant he cannot recollect his name at this time he was marched to Halifax Town in North Carolina and he states it was in the spring season that he started out on this Tower but he cannot say with certainty as to the precise time. He was stationed some time at said Halifax Town perhaps about three months when the soldiers that was stationed there was privileged as many of them as wanted to be furloughed until the next March ensuing and this applicant accepted the offer and was accordingly furloughed with orders to meet at said Town on the first day of the next March which orders applicant complied with and applicant was then marched off from said town under said Captain. Applicant thinks this was in the spring of 79 – he was marched off with other men to a place called the Black Swamp in South Carolina stayed there a short time and the Army was marched down Savannah and crossed the same and went into Georgia as applicant understood. He did not go with them being sick, and as the Army returned applicant joined them again at a certain ferry on the Savannah called Golphins. We marched on to a town called Orange Burg [sic, Orangeburg] on Edisto River and stationed there but a short

time and then went on to the neighborhood near the place where the Stono Battle was fought. Applicant was in said Battle and was then under General Lincoln stationed there some weeks at our campground about five or six miles from the Battleground, and was marched off from there and crossed Dorchester at Bacons Bridge and the [there] had a skirmish with the Tories and were marched home from there to Charleston in South Carolina got there in the forepart of August stationed there a short time and was then marched to Sullivan's Island stayed there about three weeks thence back to Charleston and there staid until the end of his nine months Tower, had a written discharge from service he does not know at this time from whose hand it was not his aforesaid Captain he not being then at that time at that place. Applicant then returned home and after that applicant's Brother William Owen was drafted for a three months Tower and applicant volunteered in his place and marched off from said County where he lived in the month of February the day of the month he does not know. He has forgotten the names of his officers he served under during said Tower he recollects that a certain man named Reid was adjutant and he was under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] he applicant was at the Battle of Guilford during this Tower, but was with the baggage during the fight and was not engaged in the same and was marched from there after the battle to Troublesome Iron works and from there we pursued the enemy to William Ramsey's Mill on deep River and there staid until the end of his said three months Tower and was then marched to the Courthouse in said County where he lived, and was there discharged, well recollects that he had a written discharge from his Captain but cannot recollect his name. This was the last of applicant's service and was making in the whole fifteen months service.

Applicant states that he has lost his said discharges and has no documentary proof of his services and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services, applicant states that he was born and raised in the County where he served when he entered the service and continued to live in that County some years after the war the number not recollected he moved to South Carolina County of Pendleton lived there about six years and then moved to Tennessee State Smith County and stayed there a few months and moved to Sumner County Tennessee and raised a crop there and then moved to Rutherford County said State stayed there four years and then moved to where he now lives, and has lived ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. H. Richardson, Clerk

S/ Bailey Owen, X his mark

[Peter Reagan, a clergyman, and Jesse Wood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 86: On November 3, 1849 in Fentress County Tennessee, Polly Owens, aged 75 in December next appeared before Joshua Owen [her son] a JP and filed an amended declaration seeking a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Baly Owen, a pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum for his service in the revolution; that her husband died in Fentress County on the 26 day of December 1840; that she married her husband in Chatham County North Carolina on August 16, (that she cannot recall the exact year of her marriage); that they were married by Squire Robert Sellers at the house of John Duglass; that her name prior to her marriage was Polly Solomon; that her first child was Joshua Owen born in Fentress County Tennessee, Mily Owen was next, Winny next., Mary next, William next, Patsy & Nicy the next & youngest child who was born in 1813 in the month of October.]

[fn p. 18: on November six, 1848 and Fentress County Tennessee, Polly Owens, 73 or 74, widow of Bailey Owen, a revolutionary war pensioner, filed for a widow's pension; she states that she was married to Bailey Owen in Chatham County North Carolina August 16, 1797; that they were married by Esquire Settlers; that she has no record of her marriage; that her husband died December 25, 1840; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 15: Joshua Owen offered the following Bible record in support of his mother's claim for a widow's pension. He states that he is the son of Bailey & Polley Owen. And that he was born over nine months after his parents were married. His affidavit is dated June 14, 1853 and was given in Fentress County Tennessee]

[fn p. 13: family record]

Births

Joshua Owen was born May 19th day 1798

Polley Owen his wife was born March 2nd day 1804

David B Owen their first son was born April the 9th day on Wednesday 1823

John F Bowen was born September 3rd day on Saturday 1825

William P Owen was born March the 17th day of Saturday 1827

Abby B. Owen their first daughter was born September the 18th day on Friday 1829

Elias Oran Owen was born July the 29 on Friday 2 o'clock 1831

Deaths

Abigail Beaty Departed this life 27 day of March 1840

Marriages

Joshua Owen and Polly his wife was married February the 27 day 1822

Jesse Wood Junior was born April the 12th day 1811

Matilda Beaty was born April the ninth day 1833 A.D.

[fn p. 22: on March 22, 1855 in Fentress County Tennessee, Polly Owen, aged 78 or 79, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she is the widow of Baley Owen, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum; that her husband died in Fentress County Tennessee on December 25, 1840.]

[facts in file: widow's name prior to her marriage was Mary or Polly Solomon; veteran and his wife were married in Chatham County North Carolina at the home of John Duglass, relationship if any, not stated; that she was born December 19, 1774; his widow was granted a bounty land warrant for 160 acres; that the names of the children of the veteran and his wife are Joshua, born May 19, 1798, Mily, Winny, Mary, William, Patsy, and Nicy who was born in October 1813

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]