

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Elisha Owen W4560 Elizabeth Owen VA
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State of Virginia Powhatan Count To wit

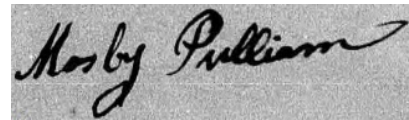
On this 6th day of August in the year 1838 personally appeared before the County Court of Powhatan, in the State of Virginia, Elizabeth Owen, a resident of the County of Powhatan in the state aforesaid, aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 – that she is the widow of Elisha Owen, who was a soldier in the revolutionary war of America for twelve months or more previous to the Siege of york and also during that siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781].

she further declares that she was married to the said Elisha Owen about two years & eight months previous to that siege, that her husband the aforesaid Elisha Owen died in december one thousand Eight hundred and Thirty two, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before the county court of Powhatan. Elizabeth herXmark Owen

State of Virginia } Sgt.
Henrico County }

The statement of Mosby Pulliam [pension application S5957] of Henrico County aged seventy four years, is as follows. That he was a soldier of the Revolution, and now a Pensioner, that he was well acquainted with Elisha Owen, that he served with said Owen in the militia under Cpts Thos. Prosser & Wm. Mosby [Thomas Prosser and William Mosby], & also Captn. Marsden in various tours of duty, which he confidently and verily believes would amount to a service by said Owen of Twelve months or more, & which service was performed whilst this affiant was in the service with said Owen, and which service he thinks was performed between the [years] 1778 & 1781. That the said Elisha Owen was married to Elizabeth Johnson, at what precise period, he does not remember, but he is sure that whilst Owen was in service he was a married man. That he believes that the said Elizabeth Owen is now living in Powhatan County, and that she has been a widow ever since the death of said Elisha Owen, and that she is the same person (Elizabeth Johnson) who married said E. Owen.

June 27th 1838



State of Virginia }
Powhatan County } SS. [6 July 1838]

The statement of Elizabeth Winfree [widow of John Winfree, pension application W6543], of the County of Powhatan aged between Seventysix and Seventy eight, (her precise age not recollected, from having lost the register of her age many years ago,) is as follows, viz.

That she well remembers that Elisha Owen, who was her brother, went into service of the Revolution from the County of Henrico, twice, and that he was gone during these two tours six months. She, the affiant was then living in Henrico, that being her native County. The said affiant states that Elisha Owen might have served various other tours, but her recollection is indistinct from age; and besides she changed her residence so often on account of warnings received by the army, going from her native County into other Counties, among her relations, into Goochland & Powhatan Counties – that she had not an opportunity of knowing the history of his service. The last time the said Owen was called out he did not return when the other soldiers of the neighborhood returned, [illegible word] assigning as a reason therefor that he was among the number who conducted the prisoners from York Town to Winchester.

The witness further states that according to the best of her recollection the said Elisha Owen was not a married man when he first went into the service, but she remembers that he became a married man before going into the service the second time. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Johnson. She is living in the County of Powhatan where her husband lived 12 or 14 years just prior to his death and is according to my belief and her own statement, between 75 and 80 years of age. She has continued a widow from the death of her husband who died between five and six years ago.

Elizabeth herXmark Winfree

State of Virginia } Sct
Prince Edward County } [10 July 1838]

The Statement of Agnis Johnson of Prince Edward County aged Seventy Seven years, is as follows, that she was well acquainted with Elisha Owen, that he lived in the County of Herico and served three tours of duty in the revolution which she perfectly remembers but the length of the tours she does not recollect nor under what officers she does not remember. She also reccollects that Elisha Owen was not married when he serve the first tour but was a married man when he served the two last tours that he married Elizabeth Johnson who now lives in Powhatan County, where she has remained for several years previous to his death she also knows that Elisha Owen removed from Henrico to price Edward from thence to Campbell from there to powhatan County, that Elizabeth Owen has remained a widow ever since the death of said E. Owen She does not exactly know the time of his death but believes he died between 5 & 6 years ago

Agnis herXmark Johnson

NOTES:

A letter from Robert H. Gray, agent for Elizabeth Owen, states that the pension application was rejected because the Clerk supposedly neglected to certify the credibility of Mosby Pulliam, and that Pulliam had since died, "being killed by the Rail Carrs."

On 18 April 1843 Elizabeth Winfree stated that she was living in the home of Elizabeth Owen while her husband was in service during the siege of Yorktown.

Elizabeth Owen was issued a pension certificate on 15 June 1843.

A letter dated 15 July 1843 gave Elizabeth Owen's mailing address as Genito.