

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Owen W5461

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State of Tennessee } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Dec'r Term AD18[32]
Wilson County }

On this 25th day of December in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before Tho. B. Reese, D. C. Hibbitts Thomas Benjamin[?] the worshipful Justices of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Wilson aforesaid now sitting at Lebanon, John Owens a resident citizen of the county of Wilson aforesaid aged about seventy one 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 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he was drafted a private soldier in the Militia in Sussex County in the State of Virginia in the Summer of 1777 and was attached to the company under the command of Captain Nathaniel Dunn, they were in the Regt Commanded by Colonel [Henry] Gee and Major Foster of the 4th Reg't. of Va. Militia, that they were marched from Cabin Point in Prince George County [sic: Surry County] in Va to Smithfield, Portsmouth Williamsburg & other places, they were in no battles, he served three months and was honourably discharged by Col Gee & Capt Dunn at Cabin Point in the fall of 1777 the precise day he cannot recollect, that he was drafted again in the spring or summer of 1778 a private soldier in the s'd. County of Sussex in Va. and was attached to the Company under the command of Captain Green Hill and was attached to the Reg't. commanded by Cols. Blount & Maryweather [sic: Meriwether] & Maj'r Foster, marched from Portsmouth to Williamsburgh, Burks hill in Prince Anne County [sic: Princess Anne, now part of Virginia Beach] and we marched up and down in the state for six months, he was in actual service six months & was honourably discharged at Smithfield by Col Blount & Capt Hill on the day not recollected in 1778 late in the fall or the first of the year 1779. He was again drafted a private soldier in Sussex Cty Va. in 1779 in the summer and was attached to the company under the command of Capt William Myrick & in the Reg't commanded by Colo Maryweather & Parker & Maj'r Foster they were marched from Cabin Point in Prince George Cty to Williamsburgh, Portsmouth & other places. that he was in actual service three months & was honorably discharged at Smithfield in the fall of 1779. by Col Parke & Capt Myrick that he was again drafted a private soldier in Sussex county in 1780 for six months and attached to the company commanded by Capt'n Dunn and attached to the Reg't commanded by Colo Parker & Marywather & Maj Foster, marched from Cabin Point and marched backwards & forwards across the state. he was in actual service for six months & was honourably discharged by Col Park[er] & Capt Dunn at Smithfield in the fall of 1780.

that he was again drafted a private soldier in said Sussex cty in the Spring of 1781. and placed under the command of Capt. Turn[er] for three months & was attached to the sd. Reg't under the command of Cols Parker & Marywather & Maj Foster. he was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at Little York in Va. above Petersburg in 1781 [19 Oct]. he was in actual service three months & was honorably discharged at Petersburg by Col. Parker & Capt Turner in 1781. the day not recollected, that he was several times after a volunteer & in the service of his country during her revolutionary struggle, he was in no battle, but underwent great hunger, fatigue & hardship, that he was in the actual service of his country for more than two whole years, he has lost or misplaced all his discharges and consequently has no documentary evidence of his services in the revolutionary war, he can prove by his old cosoldier Jno Bonner Esq'r. [John Bonner, pension application s2382] his actual services but not the precise length of time, he cannot recollect many of the facts of his long fatiguing services being old and well senile[?] in years He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. [signed] JJohn owen

NOTE: On 18 Feb 1853 in Smith County TN Dorothy Owen, 61, applied for a pension stating that she married John Owen on 19 Mar 1818, and he died 26 May 1842. On 11 Apr 1856 she applied for bounty land, giving her age as 65 and the date of her husband's death as 26 May 1841. With her pension application she submitted part of a family record said by her sons Thomas J. and James K. Owen to have been in the handwriting of their father. The entry, apparently made in a copy of *Meditations and Contemplations* by James Hervey, Moses Browne, John Duick, Thomas Gibbons, Saint George Molesworth, and Peter Whalley, is transcribed as follows: "John owen and Dorothy owen his wife was married March the 19 day 1818."