

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Owen W8494

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State of Kentucky Barren County Sct

On this 16th day of May 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Tabitha Owen, a resident of said County aged seventy four 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 pass'd July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows" that she is the widow of William Owen late of Barren County, who was a sargeant and soldier in the Army of the Revolution, was in General Gates's defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and at the Siege of York & surrender of the British Army under Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and that he served in the Revolutionary Army for eighteen months or more, a part of the time as a substitute for his Father David Owen in Captain Winn's Company – these statements of the services of her said husband (William Owen) are made from what she has often heard him say in his life time, She further Declares that she was married to the said William Owen on the 18th day of December in the year 1782 in the County of Lunenburg in the state of Virginia and that her said husband (William Owen) died on the 27th day of March 1826 in the County of Barren State of Kentucky that she was not married to her s'd. husband prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st January 1794 Towit at the time and place stated on the other side of this sheet [above] She further states that her husband and all the family spell their names Owen, which is their true original name, but they are generally called and most people write their name Owens
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John Owen a resident Citizen of Barren County, aged 75 years and Joseph Owen a Citizen of Hart County aged 73 years came into Court and made oath to the following statements that William Owen late of Barren County was the husband of Tabitha Owen of Barren County that the said William Owen died on the 27th day of March 1826 in said County and that the said Tabitha Owen is the widow of said William Owen and is now living and resides in s'd. County and that the said Tabitha and William Owen were lawfully married in the County of Lunenburg & State of Virginia in the latter part of the year 1781. They further state that the said William Owen entered the service in the army of the Revolution in the month of February or March in the year 1779 he joined Capt Joseph Winn's Company of drafted Militia men for a tour of six months and the company was organized at and marched from Lunenburg Courthouse. he served the tour of six months as a substitute for his Father David Owen, that he the s'd. David Owen [sic] returned home from the Army to Lunenburg County (where he resided) some time in the month of August 1779 he was in the battle of Stono (as it was then called) [Stono Ferry SC, 20 June 1779] near Charleston while on this tour, that the next tour he served of six months he joined Captain Walkers [Sylvanus Walker's] Company of Militia marched from Lunenburg Courthouse in the forepart of the month of June 1780 and went to the South in this tour he was in the battle of Camden or Gates defeat as it was then called, he returned home in the month of November or December 1780. that the next service he rendered he started from Winninghams[?] Mills in Lunenburg County as a substitute for his Father David Owen in the month of February 1781. and he was at the battle of Guilford while on this tour of three months. the next service he rendered he joined Captain Joseph Knights Company of Militia the Regiment was commanded by Colonel David Stokes and he was at the siege of York and taking of Cornwallis, That the statements here made are all from their own knowledge except the statements about

the s'd William Owen having been in the different battles, they state this upon the information of the men and officers after they had returned from the different Campaigns

[On 14 July 1840 John Owen, 76, and Joseph Owen, 74, made a statement similar to the above.]

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On this the 6th day of June 1840 John Owen a resident citizen of Barren County personally appeared before me James Murrell a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law to the following statements, Towit, That he remembers that William Owen dec'd late of Barren County the husband of Tabitha Owen served several tours of duty in the Army of the Revolution as set forth in his affidavit appended to the Declaration of Tabitha Owen for a Pension in the year 1839 he in said affadavit states that said William Owen performed tours of duty as a militiaman of Virginia six months duration, (he desires to explain) Said William Owen was out on duty the legth of time stated in his affadavit, but he Wm Owen after one tour of three months had expired, joined another company and served another tour making six months before he returned home, this is the reason he stated that he had served a six months tour [several illegible words] service of said William Owen was performed in the South in Carolina and he was some time getting to the place of rendezvous and also some time getting home after being discharged so that he cannot now state the prescise legth of time he was in actual service He further states that said William Owen served about two and a half months in his last tour of duty, he the said William Owen joined the army the last tour of duty some time in the month of September and was discharged and returned home some time in the month of December following, that said William Owen was in service guarding the prisoners after the battle of Yorktown.

[signed] John Owen

NOTE: On 21 July 1843 Tabitha Owen, 79, reapplied under a later pension act. The file contains a family record written on the back of the title page of a New Testament, transcribed below.

William owen his book

fanny owen was born the 15th day of february 1784

RiChard owen was born the 15th day of August 1785

Sarah owen was born the 12 Day of Mach 1787

[The following entry very faint] John[?] owen was born[?] the 14[?] day of april 178[?]

janawary the 22 day 1792 [first name illegible] owen was born

james owen was bormn [the rest illegible]