Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Harraway Owen: W5463
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State of Indiana } SS
Jennings County }

On this 25th day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Judges of the Jennings Circuit Court within and for the aforesaid County Harraway Owen, Resident of Columbia Township, in the County State aforesaid Aged about 70 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted as a militia man, entered the service, or army of the United States on the 4th day of April 1781 as a soldier with Capt Philip Lee, and served, until the 19th or 20th day of October 1781. That he entered the service, and army, of the United States in the County of Essex in the State of Virginia, in the Company Commanded by Captain Philip Lee in the Regiment Commanded by Col James Dabney. That he was drafted for the term of three months. But retained in the army until the above named 19th or 20th day of October 1781. That during the time he was in the service, he served under the following regular officers, viz Genl. [Edward] Stevens of the Virginia troops. But we were all under the Command of General Lafayette. That he was discharged from the above service at Gloster Town [sic: Gloucester] in Virginia. That on being discharged he received no written evidence thereof; That on entering the service he marched from Benjamin Jones's Tavern in Essex County Virginia, through King & Queen to Richmond in Virginia, at which place he joined the main Army, thence took what was then called the wild Goose chase, The British army pursued the American that after the British army left the pursuit General [Anthony] Wayne took command, And marched the army to what is called pointy Fork, on James River [sic: Point of Fork at junction of James and Rivanna rivers]. And from thence to little york, at which place he continued until the British army Capitulation [19 Oct 1781], At which place he was discharged as aforesaid, That he has no documentary evidence of his Services. that he does not now know of any person living that was in the service with him, Although he is able to prove by one Charles Owen and Lewis Williams that he was drafted and actually entered the service as aforesaid. The Testimony of which said Owen he herewith forwards. He hereby relinquishes all and every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, And declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Harraway Owen

Question 1st. I was born in Essex County State of Virginia but cannot say in what year.
2. I have no record of my age
3. [When he entered service was living] In Essex County as aforesaid. I moved into the State of Kentucky in Fayette Cty 1788 & lived ther 9 years, from thence I moved into Scott Cty Ky, & from thence into Decatur Cty in this State & from thence to Jennings County where I now reside
4. Answered in the declaration
5. Also in declaration
6. [Did he ever receive a discharge?] None
7. [Neighbors who can testify to his character for veracity and the belief of his services:] Maj. William Sandford  Captain Galen Olachlin & Col. John Vawter & John Keller
Sworn & Subscribed 20th February 1833 [signed] Harraway Owen

State of Indiana } SS.    I Charles Owen resident of the County of Scott & State of
Jennings County } Kentucky being duly Sworn as a witness for Harraway Owen, resident of Jennings County and State of Indiana, In order to enable the said Harraway Owen to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 do Solemnly Swear that I have a knowledge that some time in the year ___ that Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis] Surrendered to the American forces, my Brother Harraway Owen, was drafted as a private Soldier and Served as such until peace was made (as
he verily believes) after peace was made said Harraway returned to his home, in Essex county Virginia, after which my Fathers Family together with said Harraway’s Family moved in the year 1788 into what is called Fayett County Kentucky. And further he saith not Sworn and subscribed this 4th day of September 1832. [signed] Charles Owens

NOTE: In Decatur County IN on 26 May 1853 Elizabeth Owen, 83, applied for a pension stating that she married Harraway Owen in Scott County KY in the spring of 1802 or 1803, and he died on 15 Aug 1834. On 3 Apr 1855 she gave her age as 86 in an application for bounty land that was witnessed by Jeremiah and Malinda Owens.