

Pension Application for Uriah Owens

W.5460

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Letter in file dated August 9, 1928 written in response to an inquiry. (1)

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.5460, it appears that Uriah Owens, son of John, was born in the spring of 1764, (2) near Boston, Massachusetts. His father was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, after which his mother, name not given, went with Uriah, their only child (both John and wife had been previously married) to live with her two daughters, by former husband. Said daughters were the wives of John Case and Thomas Son.

While residing thus in Clydeskill, near Kinderhook, near the New York State line, said Uriah Owens enlisted, March 21, 1779, (3) served as a private in Captain Cornelius T. Jansen's Company, Colonel Peter Gansevort's Third New York Regiment, and in Captain Bleecker's Company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's (4) First New York Regiment, was in the battle of Monmouth, (5) Siege of Yorktown (6) and other battles not named (7), and served to the close of the Revolution. He was injured while in the service, nature of injuries not stated.

He died September 4, 1819, in Galen, Seneca County, New York, in which place he was buried.

He married, July 6, 1790, in a Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York, Elizabeth Food, who was born in said Albany. She was the daughter of James Food of London, England, who died in Albany, New York, aged ninety-six years, date of death not given.

Said Elizabeth died May 29, 1840, in Hanover, Jackson County, Michigan, at the home of her daughter Elizabeth Chase, and at her death was aged seventy-one years and three months. She was buried in Hanover, Michigan.

The following were the children of Uriah and Elizabeth Owens—

John born August 7, 1791, married daughter of William Hyatt of Huron County, Ohio, her name is not given.

James born September 6, 1793, died September 25, 1794.

James born August 24, 1795.

Uriah, born April 15, 1798, living in Sandy Lake, Mercer Co., Pennsylvania in 1854.

Elizabeth born June 30, 1800, married Isaac Chase who died in Adams, Hillsdale Co. Mich. Prior to September 11, 1854.

Joseph born November 22, 1802, living in Clyde NY in 1854.

Caleb Morriss born November 30, 1805, living in Takonsha, Michigan in 1854.

Simeon born February 9, 1808, also in Tekonsha in 1854.

Thomas Smith born August 31, 1810.

Mrs. Margaret Jane Fitton of Moscow Michigan, in 1854, and Denison S. Chase of Coldwater, Michigan, in 1854 aged thirty-one years, were the children of Isaac and Elizabeth Chase above named.

John Owens of Hartland, Huron County, Ohio, eldest child of Uriah, made application for pension on October 9, 1854, in behalf of himself and seven other surviving children, and the pension which was due their mother, Elizabeth Owens, at her death was allowed said children.

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1. Most of this pension application is very faint and mostly deals with family members trying to get the pension of Uriah;, some military proofs were provided of Uriah's service from the New York State Comptrollers' Office.
2. If Uriah was born in 1764 he was only 15 years of age when he enlisted.
3. Uriah enlisted as a private for during war on March 21, 1779 in Captain Cornelius T. Jansen's Third Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment.
4. On January 1, 1781 the First New York Continental Regiment and the Third New York were consolidated into one regiment Colonel Goose VanSchaick who had been appointed Colonel of the First New York on November 21, 1776 remained the Colonel of this newly re-formed regiment as he was the senior colonel of the New York line. Gansevoort retired from the Continental service.
5. If Uriah fought at the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey which was fought on June 28, 1778 he would have been only 14 years of age. The Third New York was not in New Jersey in 1778 and of course he did not join the regiment until 1779. The First New York was in the battle but again Uriah was not part of the regiment until 1781. Therefore if he was in this battle it is unknown what regiment that he served in, since the Kinderhook area was in Albany County, New York and there is no evidence of the Albany County Militia serving that far into New Jersey.
6. The Yorktown, Virginia Campaign was from September 28, 1781 to October 19, 1781.
7. Uriah in 1779 while serving in Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment would have served in the Iroquois Campaign of Major General John Sullivan and Brigadier General James Clinton against the Indians in western New York. Uriah would have fought in the Battle of Newtown fought on August 29, 1779. Newtown is the present day City of Elmira, New York.