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Abel Gower

of Gwinnett in the State of Geo: —
who was a private in the ~~crucy~~ commandos
by Captain ~~Thomas~~ of the Regt. commanded
by ~~Yancy~~ in the North Car.
war for 9 months —

Inscribed on the Roll of Georgia
at the rate of 30 — Dollars — Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 19th day of March
1833 and sent to William
Matthe, (clerk) Lawrenceville —

Arrears to the 1st of March 1833 60
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4th April — 15

\$ 75

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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State of Georgia }
Gwinnett County } Superior Court October 1832

On this day 5th of October 1832 personally appeared
in open Court (it being a Court of Record) Abel
Gowen ^{aged twenty four years} being duly sworn according to law doth
swear that he makes the following declaration in order
to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the
9th June 1782 That he entered the service as a
private soldier under the following named officers - James
He entered the service as a drafted militiaman in the
County of Johnson & State of North Carolina in the year
1779 or 1780 (the date he cannot perfectly recall) under
Captain Philip Thomas for the term of three months
Abel Johnson was lieutenant of Capt Thomas' Company &
the Ensign was named William Lee - His Isaac Bales
Joseph Brumfield & Henry Bales - ^{Company of the same}
Company & belonged to the ^{in an attempt to be} Mess of ^{the} ^{Marched}
to Portsmouth Roads in order to prevent the British
from marching from Wilmington ^{to ravage that district of the Country} at ^{the} Roads ^{by}
a battle was fought with the British & York's army
was engaged as one of the guard to protect the baggage
after the battle beat about that quarter of North Carolina
until near the expiration of his term of service - was
then marched to Smithfield in North Carolina & was
discharged ^{by Capt Thomas} at the end of the three months service

Shortly afterwards the date he cannot recollect with
certainty but thinks it was 1780 ^{at the same place} he again entered the
service as a drafted militiaman for three months
more in the Company under the command of Captain
Jonathan Smith Lieutenant Alexander Shing - Ensign - Lee
and the Muscates above named were of the Mess in
this Company also - Marched to Portledge in North
Carolina & ranged about there & in that quarter and
James Cal Carters Regiment at Perquimans in North
Carolina - that he continued in the service during the
time & leaving the Country around about there until
near the expiration of his second term when he as
Marched back to Smithfield & discharged there

by Captain Smith at the end of his second period of
service

That afterwards sometime in the year 1781, ^{at the same place} he again entered
the service as a drafted Militia man for three months more
in the Company & under the command of Captain Edmund
Griffin - Lieutenant Williams Roberts - ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{Joseph} ~~Joseph~~ ^{Johnson}
starting Johnson, Abraham Corroll & Joseph ^{Johnson} was
of his mess in this Company - that he marched from
Smithfield to Bluffs & Bridge in North Carolina &
then joined Genl Butters Brigade - after remaining
at Bluffs Bridge something near a month he
was marched to Wilmington before they marched
the news of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis reached
them & they were marched to Wilmington & placed
under the command of Col Young to superintend
the taking possession of the town by the volunteers
who had been expelled by the British - the British
evacuated the town after the surrender of York Town
he continued at Wilmington under the command of
Col Young until his term of service expired & was
then discharged by Capt Griffin -

That he got no pay for his services - said ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~claimed~~
for his pay for the services for the three terms to a
man of the name of Layton & for the proof of
services obtained his three discharges to said
Layton & does not know what has become of
Layton or the discharges - immediatly after the
close of the war he remained from Johnson
County, ^{North Carolina} to Rich and Caswell Counties - thence to
Miller County - was cut off into the County of
Oglethorpe - thence to Clark County - thence to ^{Georgia} ~~Georgia~~
County where he now resides - that he has a copy of
the original Register of his age which shows that he was
born the 17th day of October 1757 - That he knows
of no person living by whom he can procure the service
above stated nor has he any documentary evidence
of the same

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatsoever to a pension
or annuity except the pursuit & discharge that his name is
not on the pension roll of the agency of any State
sworn to & subscribed

the day & year of ~~for said~~
in open Court
(Attest) Wm. Mallie Clk.

Abel ^{his} Lower
mark

Georgia }
Gwinnett County } We the Mitchell Bennett Clergyman

residing in the State & County of Gwinnett &
Elisha Minor residing in the same do certify that we
are well acquainted with Abel Gower who has sworn
to & subscribed the above declarations - that we believe
him to be twenty four years of age that he is reputed
& believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have
been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur
in that opinion

Mitchell Bennett
Elisha Minor

sworn to & subscribed in
open Court the day &
year aforesaid
(Attest) Wm. Mallie Clk.

State of Georgia } Superior Court Attested a forworn 1832
Gwinnett County }

And the said Court do declare their
opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the
interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the
above named applicant was a Soldier of the Revolution
& served as he states - and the Court further certifies that it
appears to the Court that Mitchell Bennett who has signed the
above Certificate is a Clergyman residing in the State &
County of Gwinnett And that Elisha Minor who has also signed
the same is a resident of the said State & County & is a credible
person and that their Statement is entitled to Credit
Given under our hands & the Seal of

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838,
entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows
States of Georgia, and ...
Elinor Gowan

On the 22nd day of June 1843, Elinor
Gowan appeared before the said Justice of the Inferior Court
for said County of Chatham, Elinor Gowan aged seventy eight years,
who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, and her oath
maketh the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit
of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed the 7th July 1838,
entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain wid-
ows." That she is the widow of Abel Gowan who was a soldier
in the revolutionary war, for the particulars of his service she
would refer the department to the evidence upon which he
drew his pension of \$30 per annum under the act of Congress
of 7th June 1832.

She further declared that she was
married to the said Abel Gowan on the ... day of June
in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two as well as she
can recollect. That her husband the aforesaid Abel Gowan
died on the seventeenth day of July eighteen hundred and
forty one; that she was not married to him prior to his leav-
ing the service, but the marriage took place previous to the
first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four at
the time at ...

Elizabeth her Gowan

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written
before me, ... John M. ...

...

BRIEF in the case of *Abel Gower*
 County of *Guinnett* in the State of *Georgia*
 (Act 7th June, 1839.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *74 years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years.	Months.	Days.	As a	Gen.
<i>1779 or 80</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Gen. Moulton</i>
<i>1780</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Capt Thomas Co Simmons</i>
<i>1781</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Capt Smith Co Linton</i> <i>Capt Griffin Co Young</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Rockfish Bridge.*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Johnson Co, Carolina*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *Correct*

Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

W. Lagette Examining Clerk.

State of Georgia }
Gwinnett County }

On this sixteenth day of October eighteen hundred & forty three personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Inferior Court in & for said County Robert M. Gower aged forty six years and being duly sworn according to Law says on oath that the following statement is true to the best of his knowledge & belief and according to the information given him by his parents and which he verily believes to be true. viz: that he is the son of Abel Gower (now deceased), and Elizabeth Gower who makes application for a pension, - that he (this deponent) was born in the year seventeen hundred & ninety seven - that he had one brother and three sisters by the same parents older than himself to wit: Polly, Nancy, John and Phoeby, the eldest of which if alive would now be upwards of fifty four years old - that the ages of all the children were once entered in his father's family Bible but they have long since been all torn out of the bible & lost except the age of himself and brother younger than himself - but he does not know in whose hand writing the entries were made - his father & mother were both entirely illiterate & could neither read nor write - that he does not know that there ever was any record of the marriage of his parents in the family Bible - nor does he know of any Document or Record proof by which their marriage could now be proven - but ever since the earliest of his recollection up to the time of his father's death they lived together as husband & wife and were reputed and believed to have been married prior to the birth of any of their children - and the legality of their marriage was never called in question or doubted by any person that he knows of

Robert M. Gower