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Kentucky  
Charles Gowers  
Gallatin in the State of Kentucky  
who was a private in the com<sup>manded</sup>  
by Captain Shelton of the reg<sup>t</sup> com<sup>manded</sup>  
by Col. Munroe in the Virginia  
line for 9 months

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

Certificate of Pension issued the 14 day of Dec  
1833 and New York  
Johnson H B

Amount to the 1st of Sept 75.00  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 2d March 15.00  
79.00

Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by *Samuel [unclear]* Clerk  
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State of Kentucky }  
 Callahan County } 31st

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1859 personally appeared before  
 Thomas Blunt a Justice of the Peace in and for Callahan County Ky  
 and one of the Justices of the Callahan County Court Charles Cowens  
 a resident of the said County and state aged 70 years who being first  
 duly sworn according to law upon his oath ~~to~~ makes the following  
 declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June  
 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the follow-  
 ing named officers and served as hereinafter that is to say being a  
 resident of Smyth County Virginia He did about the 1<sup>st</sup> of September  
 in the year 1797 enter the service of the United States as a private vol-  
 unteer soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Cap-  
 tain Jonathan Hamby that the name of his Lieut. was Edw. Bostern  
 that he rendezvoused with his company at ~~then~~ the neighbourhood  
 Murder grounds and was marched from thence by his Captain into  
 Gordons and there was attached to the Regiment of Col. Munroe that  
 he was then marched to a place called 96 near Charlestown where  
 he was kept for some time and then was marched as part of the guard  
 for some prisoners from 96 to Murrumborough where he was kept sta-  
 tioned guarding said prisoners & some public stores until the full  
 expiration of his term of service and having fully and faithfully per-  
 formed the same he was discharged and returned home

He further states and declares that in the month of May 1798 as  
 well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States  
 as a private volunteer soldier upon a tour of three months in the  
 company of Captain Shelton that he rendezvoused with his company  
 at the Russell Court Meeting house in the said County of Smyth  
 and was marched from thence by his Captain up the Blue Ridge where  
 the Tories were very bad in that quarter of the County and that the  
 company was raised by Capt. Shelton on purpose to act against  
 them and keep them down - that the said company acted separately  
 from any other - and that he this declarant and his said company  
 were most of their time at a place called the hollow on the Blue  
 and from that point made frequent excursions against the Tories

- That he continued actively and actually engaged in the service as above named during the whole period of his said term and at the termination thereof he was discharged and returned home.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 army of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Charles <sup>his</sup> Louisiana

Interrogatories put to the abovesaid applicant by the said <sup>Mark</sup> Thomas Blount Justice of the Peace as aforesaid.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Henry County Va. in the year 1762.  
Do you have any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have none.

2<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in Henry County Va. when I was called into the service and there continued to reside after the war till about the year 1797 and then moved to the State of Kentucky and have been there since. My wife lived and died about the year 1785. I left her in 1785 and moved to Gallatin County Ky. where I still live.

3<sup>d</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer - I volunteered.

4<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such as Continentals and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer - Upon my first tour I was in South Carolina and while there in the service I saw Capt. Small Col. Munroe & Col. Martin.

I was finally discharged at Kingsborough at the expiration of my tour. Upon my second tour my company acted separately against the Tories on the Dan River in Virginia and I saw no officers that I now remember except my own.



6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if  
so by whom was it given and what has become of it  
Answer I rec<sup>d</sup> discharges signed by my officers, which I have lost  
7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present  
neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and  
their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution  
Answer I will name Benjamin Tiller & James Furnish

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
Charles <sup>his</sup> Gowens  
Mark

Mr Ben Tiller — a clergyman residing in Callatin County  
Ky. and James Furnish — residing in the same County & I  
hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Charles Gowens  
who has subscribed and sworn to the preceding declaration that we believe  
him to be 70 years of age, that he is reputable and believed in the neigh-  
bourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution &  
that we concur in that opinion. We further certify that from infirm-  
ity of body he cannot attend Court to make his declaration

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
Benjamin Tiller  
James Furnish

And I the said J. Blunt Justice of the Peace & member of the  
Callatin County Court as aforesaid do hereby declare my opinion after  
the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories pre-  
scribed by the War Department that the above named applicant  
was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states: And further  
certify that from his infirmity of body he cannot attend the proper Court  
to make his declaration and that it appears to me that Benjamin  
Tiller — who has signed the preceding certificate is a cler-  
gyman resident in Callatin County Ky. and that James Furnish  
who has also signed the same is a resident in the same County & I  
and are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to  
credit - Given under my hand this 22<sup>d</sup> day of October 1833

Josiah Hunt

and from that point made frequent excursions against the town

State of Kentucky  
Gallatin County § 201-

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Charles Gowens, aged 93 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid. Who being duly sworn according to Law declares that he is the identical Charles Gowens who was a private in the Company commanded by Capt. J. Hamby in the Regiment of Virginia Militia Commanded as he knows & remembers by Col. Monroe in the Revolutionary war. That he volunteered in Henry County, Virginia about the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1779 for the term of six months, and continued in actual service in said Revolutionary war for a period of more than fourteen days and was honorably discharged at Petersburg Va as he now remembers. He cannot now say what has become of his discharge. He further states that he is now a Revolutionary Pensioner and draws the sum of \$30 per annum half yearly to wit the fourth of March and 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept. \$15. each by virtue of his Revolutionary Pension Certificate now in his possession dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1833, and signed "Lew. Caff" Secretary "of War". He refers to the papers on file in his application for pension for the evidences of his services and the Roll of "Hamby's" Company.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty fund to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855. He also declares that he has not received a current

for bounty land, under this or any other  
act of Congress nor make any other ap-  
plication therefor.

He hereby appoints H. J. Abbott of Harshaw  
Kentucky his true and lawful attorney  
to prosecute this his claim for land  
to receive a Certificate or Warrant when  
issued and do all other acts necessary  
and proper in the premises.

Attest

Charles <sup>his</sup> Gowens  
Mark

David Huston

We David Story and Whit Hawkins  
Residents of the County of Gallatin and  
State of Kentucky upon our oaths declare  
that the foregoing declaration was  
signed and acknowledged by Charles  
Gowens, in our presence, and that  
we believe from the appearance  
and statements of the applicant  
that he is the individual person  
he represents himself to be,

David Story

Whit Hawkins

The foregoing declaration and affidavits  
were sworn to and subscribed before  
me, on the day and year above  
written. And I certify that I know  
the affiants to be credible persons  
that the Claimant is the person  
he represents himself to be and  
that I have no interest in this claim.

David Huston J.P. 186



tion on file in this Bureau. *Charles Gorman Ser. File 31072*

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>Sept. 1, 1779</i>	<i>6 mos</i>	<i>Priv.</i>	<i>Jonathan Hambley</i>	<i>Munroe</i>	<i>Va</i>
<i>May 1781</i>	<i>3 mos</i>		<i>Shelton</i>	<i>✓</i>	

Battles engaged in, *1*

Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Henry Co. Va moved to Ky in 1797*

Date of application for pension, *Oct 1 1833. His claim was ad.*

Residence at date of application, *Gallatin Co. Ky*

Age at date of application, *70, born in Henry Co. Va in 1763*

Remarks: *to date as to family*