

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jesse Boling (Bowling) S14974

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State of Kentucky Clay County

On the 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Joseph Eve, Judge of the Clay Circuit Court now sitting Jesse Bowling, a resident of the County of Clay and the State of Kentucky, aged Seventy four years and five months who being duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the U.S. in December 1780, in Wilks [sic, Wilkes] County, North Carolina as a volunteer Revolutionary soldier in the office of a Sergeant and served a tour of three months in a Company commanded by Capt. William Hall, which Company was commanded by Major Joseph Phillips and was marched to Salisbury and there stationed and employed in guarding British prisoners and Tories, and after some time marched with the prisoners & Tories from Salisbury toward the Virginia line the British in pursuit—crossed the Adkin [sic, Yadkin] River and cut loose the boats to prevent the British crossing, at which place he was discharged, having served his full tour of three months as aforesaid.

That he again entered the revolutionary service as a drafted soldier in the spring of the year 1781, and he thinks in the month of March for a Tour of three months. He resided in Wilkes County, State of North Carolina, and attached to a Company commanded by Captain John Cleveland [sic, John Cleveland] and was appointed & served as a Sergeant in the company--which company was attached to a battalion commanded by Major Benjamin Herndon and Col. Benjamin Cleveland Commanded the Regiment—that the troops marched from Wilkes County, North Carolina down the Yadkin River to a place called the Trading Ford on said River, and was there employed in guarding & reconnoitering the Country against the invasions of the British, until he was regularly discharged.

He states that in the month of July or August 1781, in Grasin [sic, Grayson] County, Virginia, he again volunteered as a light horse revolutionary soldier under Capt. Stinson, whose given name is not now recollected which Company was attached to the command of Col. Arthur Campbell who was the Chief Commander of the troops—this expedition was intended to guard against the depredations of the Tories embodied on the south line of Wilkes County under a Certain James Roberts—that the troops marched into North Carolina and to the place where the Tories had embodied themselves and found that they had dispersed. Reconnoitred the Country in that quarter and then returned to Grayson County Virginia and was discharged. He states that he served two months on this expedition and found his own horse—that he hereby relinquished every claim whatever 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.

S/ Jesse Boling

[Elisha Bowman, a clergyman, and John Oxford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]