

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Bowen W20743

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

On this 5th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Sessions &, and Please in and for the State aforesaid and for the said District, now in session, Benjamin Bowen residing in the State & District aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. This Deponent was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1756 aged about 77 – removed to North Carolina 1775 – he lived in South Carolina when called into service – he has lived in South Carolina since the Revolution & now lives in Anderson District – he entered the service in July 1776 as a volunteer under Captain John Nelson Colonel Paisley [John Paisley] & Colonel John Locke, General Rutherford in Guilford County NC & served during an expedition against the Cherokees in North Carolina about 3 months – volunteered again under the same Captain in 1777 & served 5 months in South Carolina under the same officers – after the 5 months service return home & was substituted employed by a Continental Officer, Patrick McGibiney [?], to supply the place of one whom he does not recollect, Captain George Pierce, Colonel Paisley – General Davidson the officers under whom he served. In service this time three months – he again volunteered under Captain Forbis – Colonel not recollect, General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] served four days and was at the battle of Guilford in 1781 he volunteered under Captain Smith Moore Colonel[s] Isaacs & Paisley – to subdue that Tories and various parts of the State of North Carolina. This Deponent was liable to do duty whenever called on for six years and actually in service much more than two years.

He relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state although he has been for several years a Pensioner of the State of South Carolina –

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court day year aforesaid

S/ Benj. Bowen

In open Court 5th March 1833

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

[Sanford Vandiver, a clergyman, and William Acker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

Benjamin Bowen appears personally before me and makes the following amended Declaration on oath to supply as far as in his power lies the deficiencies in his Declaration made in open Court the 5th of March 1833 though from the frailty of memory he cannot swear with more precision than follows as to the precise length of his service. This Deponent's age was recorded in a family Bible which has passed into the hands of one of his children since removed to Tennessee. He never received but one written discharge which was at Pocotaligo in South Carolina on the 10th day of April 1778 at the end of the second tour set forth before but which has been long since lost.

In stating his first tour to be about three months he was careful to declare to the longer period than he was assured he did serve and if the phrase be less objectionable he will say at least three months. His second tour which was in South Carolina may be ascertained from his discharge (10th April as above – He was out for a six months tour & has no doubt scarcely that he was actually out that long but preferred setting it down as five months positively –

The third tour in which he substituted was commenced in August 1780 and was for three months [? weeks? word runs off the page and is largely illegible]. His tour in 1781 was commenced in the month of October and was discharged in January after and continued at least 3 months. The foregoing tours he distinctly recollects was often out for a few days at a time which from his description of it is impossible to set forth with precision – For 6 years he was a volunteer and subject to orders.

Fourteen months and four days he has been able to call to mind of actual service as before set forth and is satisfied that two years of actual service and more was seen by him during the struggle.

He acted entirely in the capacity of a private.

Sworn to and subscribed November 2nd 1833 before
S/ Joseph in Whitner, Not. Public

S/ Benj. Bowen

[fn p. 10: on February 10, 1845 in Anderson District South Carolina, Mrs. Mary Bowen, 78 she believes on the 12th day of March last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of appears personally before me and makes the following amended Declaration on oath to supply as; that she married him in November 1783 in Guilford County North Carolina 12 miles from Guilford courthouse; that they were married by Squire McCama at his house; that she has no record of her marriage but a record on a slip of paper of the birth of her 1st child, John F Bowen, which was September 25th 1784, which slip of paper was made by Pinkney Vandiver; that her husband died November 5, which he thinks was in 1836.]

[fn pp. 4-5: family record]

John F Bowen was born September the 25th 1784

Nancy Bowen was born April the 13th 1787

Martha Bowen was born May the 12th 1790

Samuel Bowen was born February the 7th 1793

Mary Bowen was born December the 13th 1795

Margaret Bowen was born May the 13th 1800

Thomas Bowen was born August the 26th 1809

Mary Bowen was born March the 19th 1765

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]