

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Bowman W396

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky }

Fayette County } I Abraham Bowman aged seventy nine years, ten months & twenty days, do, upon oath, testify, and declare that in the winter of 1775 or spring of 1776, I was appointed by the Legislature of Virginia, Lieut Colonel of the [blank] Virginia State Regiment, and Peter Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Col of the same, that in the month of May or June 1776 the said Regiment was taken into Continental establishment, that upon the promotion of Col Muhlenburgh to a Brigadier General, I was promoted to the command of said Regiment, and that I continued to serve in the said regiment from the time of my appointment until after the battle of Monmouth in June 1778, when a consolidation of regiments took place [at White Plains NY, 14 Sep 1778], and many of the junior officers became supernumary, at that time I was ordered by my Brigadier General [Charles] Scott to return to Virginia and call upon the Governor of Virginia for money to recruit the regiment, and having called upon him, he told me that the states quota had been given out before I had made the application, and certified it upon my orders. I then remained an officer during the War without being again called into service. I further declare that I have never at any time received a warrant from the United States for the bounty land due me as an officer aforesaid, nor have I ever at any time transferred or sold the same to any person. Therefore, know all men by these presents, that I, Abraham Bowman, do hereby constitute and appoint George H Bowman my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, to ask, demand and receive from the Secretary at War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of land due me as aforesaid, and my said attorney is authorised and empowered to do and perform all things necessary to be done in and about the business, and to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attornies under him for the special purpose above named and the same to revoke at will. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 7th day of September 1829.

(Signed) Abr'h. Bowman

State of Kentucky }

Fayette County } Personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a justice of the Peace in and for said County, Col Abraham Buford [pension application S46372], Col Jno. McDowell [John McDowell S40995] and Captn. John Nelson [S35537], revolutionary officers, persons of credibility, who being each duly sworn, saith that they are personally acquainted with Col Abraham Bowman, who made oath to the truth of the within statement, and signed the power of Attorney in their presence and have been for many years; And they say they know him to have been a Colonel in the Army of the Revolution, and they know him to be the identical person which he therein represents himself to be; further, they do believe that he actually did perform the military services by him represented, in the manner therein set forth. Also at the same time appeared the within named Abraham Bowman, who being duly sworn, made oath to the truth of the statements by him therein made, and acknowledged the power of Attorney to be his voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein named.

Sworn and acknowledged before me, this 7th day of September 1829

(Signed) J. E. Davis J. P.

29 Oct 1829.

Abraham Bowman of [blank] in the County of Fayette in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he

was an officer on the Continental line, and swerved as such to the end of the war, at which period he was a Colonel in the [blank] regiment of the Virginia line; and, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, not stated dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of [blank]

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far these several statements are corroborated by the records in this office. By order of the Secretary/ F A Dickins.

State of Kentucky } S.S. In open Court March Term 1863
County of Fayette } Present Hon Charles D. Carr Judge

On this the 14th day of March 1863 before the court of Probate, held within and for the county and state aforesaid personally appeared, Abraham Bowman aged 78 years a resident of Fayette county state of Kentucky, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of congress passed November 24th, 1778, and February 11th, 1784 granting one years pay to deranged and supernumerary officers who served in the continental line of the revolutionary war that he is the son and executor of Colonel Abraham Bowman Deceased who was a Lieutenant Colonel appointed by the Legislature of Virginia, State line commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenberg that in the month of May 1776 the said regiment was taken in to the continental line and on January 30th 1777, he was promoted and commissioned as a Colonel and then continued in actual service in said war until after the battle of Monmouth June 1778, when a consolidation of the Regiments took place and many of the Junior officers became supernumerarys, at which time, he the said Colonel Abraham Bowman Deceased was ordered by Brigadier General Scott to return to Virginia and call upon the Governor of Virginia for money to recruit, he there remained an officer during the war, that he never was discharged to his knowledge – remained in readiness to return to the war when ever cauld on to do so, that he was deranged at the White Plains. That the said Abraham Bowman Deceased was pensioner of the United States under act of May 15th 1828, at the rates of \$600.00 per annum which was paid to him at the agency in Lexington State of Kentucky, and he drew his pension up to his death and Died November 9th 1837 leaving a widow Mrs Sarah Bowman who also was a pensioner of the united states and drew her pension up to her death, who died December 8th 1845. That at the death of Colonel Abraham Bowman Deceased he left the following named children Viz Mrs Polly Keen wife of John Keen Deceased Abraham Bowman the executor John Bowman George H. Bowman William Bowman – who has sins died leaving the following children viz Robert T. Bowman the only living child of William Bowman Deceased whom is now of lawful age. Mrs Sarah Woolfolk wife of Souzel Woolfolk, Mrs Elizabeth Bowman a daughter who died prior to her Father leaving the following named children Viz, Abraham B. Bowman who has sins died Mrs Nancy Standhope wife of William Standhope, Catharan Duening[?] wife of Richard Dalney[?] who are all of lawful age

That he the said Abraham Bowman executor of Abraham Bowman Deceased makes this his declaration for the purpose of obtaining the one year's pay that was due to his Father the said Abraham Bowman Deceased, with interest from the time it was due under act of Congress June 3th 1784

Resolved, That an interest of six per cent, per annum be allowed to all creditors of the United States for supplies furnished or services done, from the time the payment became due. Reference to the decision of Dr Absalom Beard's Heirs, interest was paid.

That for proof to sustain this his declaration he refers to the proof made by his Father during his life for pension, all of which will more fully appear by reference there to.

That he the said Abraham Bowman will also state that about the year 1830, that he as the agent of his Farther by a power of attorney made a demand for the amount that was due his Farther the said Abraham Bowman Deceased in person at the office of the United States at washington City D.C. whier they war paying claimes of comutation, and other demands due the officers of the revolutionary war, they then and their refused payment, and denied that their was any money due the said Abraham Bowman, that his

certificate for pension had issued to his agent George H. Bowman, and their was nothing due the said Abraham Bowman for his Military services.

That he the said Abraham Bowman executor, will also state, that to the best of his knowledge and belief, that his Farther the said Abraham Bowman Deceased never received the first cent of the claim that he has now made application for – nor any one of his children. that if the amount has ever been received by any agent it was never paid over to his Farther, that it is yet due and unpaid.

He the said Abraham Bowman executor hereby apoints Benjamin C. Wood of Lexington Kentucky, his true and lawful attorney, with power of substitution to prosecute this his claim to receive the certificate when issued and to do all other acts nessary and proper in the premises.

[signed] Abrm. Bowman

NOTE: On 19 March 1839 Sarah Bowman, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married Abraham Bowman in 1782, and he died on 9 Nov 1837. On 6 Apr 1839 Elijah Foley stated that he had been present at the marriage of Abraham Bowman and Sarah Bryan in the summer of 1782 in the part of Lincoln County KY that became Mercer County. In the file is a family register transcribed below, certified as being copied on 27 Jan 1871 from the family Bible of Abraham Bowman and provided by John B. Bowman of Lexington KY.

Abraham Bowman born	Oct 16 1749
Sarah “ “	Sept 8, 1757
David Bryan “ “	April 30, 1779
Mary Bowman “ “	March 11, 1783
Abraham “ Jr. “ “	Feby 27, 1785
John “ “	Jany 31, 1787 about 12 o'clock in the day
William “ “	Nov 18 1789 “ X “ “ P.M.
George “ “	Sept 21 1792 between 9 & 10 AM
Aaron (colored) “ “	Dec 21 1793
Bobb “ “	April 7 1796
Sarah Bowman “ “	July 8, 1796 about 9 A.M.
Elizabeth d[itt]o “ “	Aug't 16 1798 between Sunset & dark
Jery (colored) “ “	Oct 26, 1798 in the morning
Antoney “ “	Feby 23 1800
Lize “ “	Nov 13 1801 between 8 & 9 evening
Nancy Keen “ “	Sept 3 1803 about midnight
Nathan (colored) “ “	Nov 1805
Easter “ “	Aug't 29, 1811 about 1 o'clock AM
Dafney “ “	Nov 17, 1812 “ 12 M
Reuben “ “	Dec 16, 1812
Levi “ “	Aug't 15 1813
Absolum “ “	Jany 9, 1815
Nelson “ “	May 23 1815
Sam “ “	June 30 1818
Charles “ “	March 27 1819
Fanny's child James “ “	Sept 22 1820