Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Rees Bowen VAS2576

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Greene County Ss

Before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Isaac Dunn [S43520] who being sworn according to law did depose and say that he was well acquainted with Rees Bowen, while in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, that this deponent belonged to the same Company to which Rees Bowen belonged, that the Company was assembled at Ashbeys gap [Ashby's Gap near Paris VA], in the State of Virginia early in the spring of the year 1776 placed under the command of Captain Thomas Berry [VAS2498] and attached to the eighth Virginia Regiment, and immediately marched to the south. That shortly after the regiment to which the said Rees Bowen and this deponent belonged arived at Sunberry [sic: Sunbury] in the state of Georgia the said Rees Bowen was taken sick and died that during the sickness of the said Rees Bowen this deponent [several words missing at end of page] and after his death assisted in burying him, This deponant further sayeth that the said Rees Bowen acted as Sergent to the Company a part of the time, and that the said Rees Bowen was the reputed brother of John Bowen no or late, of the County of Fredrick state of Virginia.

Isaac hisXmark Dunn

Sworn and and subscribe/ before me the 18th day/ of November 1818

Virginia Frederick County to wit

Personaly appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County Peter Babb Senior, yeoman of said County and being affirmed according to law did declare an say, that he was well acquainted with Rees Bowen and Henry Bowen [VAS2572] formerly of Fredrick County aforesaid boath of whome served in the Revolutionary war this affirmant was not present at the enlistment of either of these men, but was informed by each of them that they had enlisted, and this affirmant made his rendevous with Captain McCormack [sic: George McCarmick S36105] and other officers to obtain Henry Bowens relese [release] from his Enlistment but could not effect it; they boath went into the Service Rees Bowen in the Company Commanded by Captain Berry and Henry in that commanded by Captain George McCormick. that some time after Rees Bowen went into the service this affirmant received information [one or two undeciphered words] Rees Bowen was ded which information has been confirmed by his never having returned to his connections Henry Bowen enlisted in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, and as this affirmant beleives continued in the service until the end of the war, about which time he returned to his Fathers House in Fredrick County afforesaid where he remained for some time then went to Kentuckey, shortly after which information was received by this affirmant and the other connections of the said Henry Bowen in Fredrick County afforsaid that he was also ded he has not since returned to his connections. This affirmant was intermarried with the sister of Rees and Henry Bowen before either of them went into the military service of the Country. This deponant further sayeth that John Bowen now of Fredric County afforesaid is the only surviving Heir at law and legal representative of the said Rees and Henry Bowen affirmed and subscribed before me William Lynn this 8th day of April 1819.

William Lynn Peter Babb

I do hereby Certify that above affirmant is a Respectable man and mutch Esteemed by all that is acquainted with him Given under my and this 8th day of April 1819 William Lynn

Virginia Fredrick County to wit

Personally apperd James B. Crumly of said County and being duly sworn did depose and say that he was well acquainted with Rees Bowen and Henry Bowen formerly of said County and Brothers of John

Bowen of the same County that he well recollects that they boath enlisted in the Revolutionary war, Rees served as a Sergent part of the time of his being in the service and this deponant has been informed that he was promoted to an Ensign before his death, which was in the service of the states, in the revolutionary war. That Henry Bowen returned to his Fathers house in Fredrick County afforesaid about the close of the war and remained there for some time he then went to Kentuckey where he also died and that John Bowen of the County afforesaid is the only surviving heir at law, and legal representative of Rees and Henry Bowen afforesaid. Sworn and subscribed before me the 8th day of April 1819.

William Lynn [signed] James B Crumly

Fayette County Penn'a Ss

Personaly appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Uriah Spring [sic: Uriah Springer R10017] late a Captain in the Virginia line of Continental establishment, and being duly sworn according to law do declare and say that, he was well acquainted with Rees Bowen who entered into the service of the United States early in the year 1776 and in the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Berry, and that the Company marched to the Southward, and this deponant was well informed By the officers of the eighth Virgi'a Regiment (which Reg't the 3^d company was attached to) that the said Reese Bowen was promoted to the Rank of Ensign at Sunbury in the state of Georgia and that in a short time after his promotion he the said Reese Bowen died whilst in service

Ir. ah Springer

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of Nov 1819