Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bowling S16040 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Ohio. Fairfield County Ss.

On this 11th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, William Bowling a resident of Amanda Township County aforesaid, aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declarations, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

He states that sometime in 1775 he was drafted & entered the service in the militia in Westmoreland County Virginia, under Cols. Wm. Barnet [William Barnet] and Thomas Jet [Thomas Jett] and Captain Peter Jet [Peter Jett] for a two months tour, in which service they watched the movements of the British Fleet then lying in the river Potomac in said County, but was dismissed from service after the fleet went away, and directed to remain ready for further service at warning. In this tour they served at least twenty days & was discharged, but was to hold himself in readiness which he did for the residue of his tour

In 1776 he was again drafted for a tour of two months and was placed in a company commanded by Capt. Peter Jet in a regiment commanded by Cols. Wm. Barnet & Thomas Jet and was marched to the river to watch the shipping of the enemy, in which service he continued at least twenty days and was discharged as before.

The 3^d. time he was drafted for a like tour of duty and was out under the same officers four days only, & was again discharged. There was a false alarm. He then moved into Stafford County, where he was classed in the militia, and about the year 1779 he, with his class, was called out for a tour of two months, but served only two days, being a false alarm and was discharged. He was again, in the same year, called out in his class, he performed another tour of duty of two months, and served again only two days, being a false alarm. With these tours he went out in a company commanded by Capt. James Allen in a Regiment Commanded by Cols Wm. [William Garrett] & James Garrett [James Garrett].

the year 1780 there was a call for troops & volunteered for two months tour of duty and was placed in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Montjoy [Thomas Mountjoy] in a battallion commanded by Major John Grigg and was march to the hall plains[?], then to Falmoth [sic: Falmouth], where they delivered up their arms and were discharged by Gen'l. George Weedon for a full tour of duty

In the year 1781 the class to which he belonged was called out for a tour of duty of two months under Col. Wm. & James Garret, in a company commanded by Capt. Nathan Pilcher. They were marched to Fredericksburg and the Rappahanock [sic: Rappahannock] Forge on the Rapahanock river to guard those places, where we were discharged by Col. William Garret for a full tour of duty.

In the same year, after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], his class was again called out for a tour of two months duty. He was placed in a company commanded by Capt. James Prince[?] in a Regim't. commanded by Col. W. Philips [sic: William Phillips], and was marched to Winchester to guard the prisoners, from which place they went back into Stafford County, where he was discharged by Col. Wm. Philips for a full tour of duty. All of his services was performed while he lived in Westmoreland & Stafford Counties aforesaid

He states that he was born the 13 July 1758 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, where he resided untill he removed to Stafford county as aforesaid during the war. He continued to reside in Stafford County, untill five or six years ago, when he removed to Amanda township in said County of Fairfield, where he has ever since resided. He now has no record of his age, and never received a written discharge

for any of his services, and has no documentary evidence by which he can prove them. He has stated with as much precision as he can the times & places in which he entered the service & the names of the officers under whom he served. He states that he is well known to the Rev'd. Jacob Myers of said County and to Michael Blue of same place who will testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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. Wm. hisXmark Bowling

NOTE: Charles Bowling (pension application S16041) stated that he and his brother, William, lived with their father during the Revolutionary War and that he knew that his brother served as stated.