

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Zachariah Bowles S39201

VA

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Virginia to wit,

This day [30 Mar 1819] personally appeared before me William Brockenbrough one of the judges of the General Court & as such Judge of the Superior Court of law for Henrico county in the said state, Zachariah Bowles, who made the following Declaration on oath, in order to obtain the pension allowed by the Act of Congress of March 1818 –

The said Zachariah Bowles being first sworn, declares that he is now in the 65th year of his age, & is a Resident of Hanover County, Virg'a; that he enlisted in the 19th of January 1777, at Allen's creek church in Hanover county with Capt John Dandridge [W6993], of the regiment of Artillery raised for the Continental service, & which was commanded by Colo. Harrison [Charles Harrison VAS1411]; that he continued to serve as a Soldier in the said regiment, from the day of his enlistment until January 1780, the full space of three years, except five days; that he was then discharged at Morris Town [Morristown] in New Jersey, by Genl. [Henry] Knox, but his discharge is lost; that he was engaged in the Battle of Monmouth Courthouse [28 Jun 1778]; and that he is in very reduced & indigent circumstances, & stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support. And that he has now no other evidence of his services.

I Stephen Anderson, of Hanover county, certify that I was present at Allen's creek church in the year — & saw Zachariah Bowles inlisted by John Dandridge to serve in the Artillery for three years, during the revolutionary war – that I am fully persuaded from all that I have known & heard since, that he did perform that term of service & in that capacity, having lived in the same neighbourhood with him ever since & never having heard the fact questioned.

he is an old man, & I am certain in very indigent circumstances

[23 Mar 1819]

[signed] Stephen Anderson

Hanover 26 March 1819

Mr Zach'a Bowles having applyed for a pension under a late act of Congress and being required to produce the testimony of some one of his neighbours as to his circumstances has ask'd of me to state my opinion of them, the following I believe to be correct He is himself a lowly carpenter with a large Family the mails [males] of which appear to be in very bad health the eldest of his sons so much so that he is exempted from Mustering the next from appearances appears to be in very delicate health his property consits of forty five acres of extream poor land not worth nor do I believe it would sell for more than three Dollars per acre and indifferent Work Horse a cow a few Hogs & household furniture such as men in his situation generally has I do not know any man of my acquaintance having the little property about him more [undeciphered word]) that stands more in need of the assistance of his country than Mr Bowles owen to his advanced age & the ill health of his Family

Chas. P. Goodall

In Hanover County Court, August 23^d 1820
District of Virginia SS.

On this twenty third day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Hanover Zachariah Bowles aged Sixty Six years, a resident in Hanover County in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: In the first Virginia Artillery Regt on the Continental line in the Revolutionary War commanded by Coll Charles Harrison in Capt. Samuel Eddings [Samuel Eddins BLWt683-300] Company and that the date of his original declaration is dated the 26th day of February 1819 and the Number of his Pension Certificate is 14397

and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. that he has forty acres of Land with a small house, One Mule two Cows one Calf and one hog. that he is a farmer but Old age has rendered him unable to Labour. that he has a wife 50 years old and three sons resides with him one 24 years of age but owing to sickness he is unable to support him self one 22 years of age and one 17 years of age the two latter his family depends on for Support and that he stands in Need of the assistance of his Country for Support
Zachariah hisXmark Bowles

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two separate files.]

I do hereby Certify that Zachariah Bowles an Inhabitant of Virginia Served three years in Colo Charles harrisons Regim't & was discharged the 10 day of January 1780
May 4th 1783 D Ragsdale Cap [Drury Ragsdale BLWt1854-300]
(Copy/ B Stark) Artillery

State of Virginia/ Hanover County to wit
Stephen Anderson being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty god doth say that he knew Zachariah Bowles [illegible word] the revolutionary War that he served in the Virginia line [illegible] the Continental establishment in the 1st Artillery Regiment and in the Company Commanded by Captain Samuel Eddings that he knew him in the year 1777 that he E[illegible] for the term of three years and that he was honorably Discharged at the end of his term of service
Given under my hand this 14th October 1822 Ch P. Goodall

Hanover County to wit
Thomas Bowles (BH[?]) made Oath before a Justice of the peace for said county that he was well acquainted with Zachariah Bowles before the Revolutionary War that he knows the said Zach Bowles enlisted under Capt John Dandridge in the year 1777 and served three years in the said war. Given under my hand this 19th day of March 1823 C. P. Goodall

City of Richmond to wit
This day Zachariah Bowles Personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the City aforesaid and Made Oath that he Enlisted in the Revolutionary War in the County of Hanover and State of Virginia for the term of three years to serve in a Company Commanded by Capt. Samuel Eddins in the 1st Reg't. of Artillery under the Command of Col. Charles Harrison in the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment and that he was honorably discharged at Morristown in the State of Pennsylvania [sic] in the year 1781 by Capt [blank] and that he has since lossed his Discharge and that he has never Received any Bounty in land for his Services
Given Under my hand this 20th day of March 1823 Zachariah hisXmark Bowles

NOTE: The federal pension file originally contained papers relating to a different Zachariah Bowles (Boles), which were later placed into a different file with no number. My transcription of those papers has been assigned file number S39201z (<http://southerncampaign.org/pen/s39201z.pdf>).