

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Bowles S41448

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State of North Carolina, Montgomery County

On this 4th day of July 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Montgomery Benjamin Bowles Aged fifty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said Benjamin Bowles enlisted for the term of 12 months on the 10th day of April in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the Company Commanded by Captain Smith [Robert Smith] & was transferred to the Company Commanded by Captain Brevard [Alexander Brevard] in the 10th Regiment in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 12th of April 1782 when he was discharged from the service in the State of North Carolina in Chatham County.

That I assisted in taking Thomson's Fort [Fort Thomson] of the Congaree River & Brown's & Grayson's fort [Grierson's Fort] in Augusta Georgia [siege of Augusta May 22-June 6, 1781] and in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 U. S. 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 is one horse valued at \$30, one cow & calf valued at \$10, one small Bed valued at \$15 & eight or ten young [word omitted] were perhaps \$10 amount in all to \$65 & that my family consists of myself, my wife & my Daughters.

Sworn to and Declared on the 11th Day of July 1820.

S/ Benjamin Bowles, X his mark

Test: S/ John Culpeper, JP

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 4th October 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Benjamin Bowles a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered and on the ___ day of ___ 1781 for ___ and that he left the service on the 12th day of April 1782.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 4, 1820, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]