## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John P. Bowen S6761 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia } Sct King George County }

On this 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Court for the County aforesaid, John P. Bowen, a resident of the said County, aged about seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832; That late in the year 1775 or early in the 1776 he enlisted as a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution for the term of two years under Capt. Gustavus B. Wallace [Gustavus Brown Wallace]; that he was marched to the northward & having served six months he hired a substitute for the remainder of his term, and he was discharged from the service in Pennsylvania at a place, he thinks, called Valley Forge; that his substitute served out the remainder of the two years; That he enlisted under Capt. John Taliaferro, long since dead, as a Soldier in the war of the Revolution in a Volunteer Minute Company, and performed a tour of about three months to Williamsburg & Hampton early in the war, the time not now recollected; That late in the said War he marched in the Company commanded by Capt Wm Bunbury [William Burnbury] to the siege of york, & was stationed during the whole siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] on Glouster Point [sic: Gloucester Point], making another tour of about three months from the time he marched till he was discharged; That while not engaged in the foregoing service he was at home in the County of King George, which in its whole extent borders on the River Potomac, in which during the whole war, except at very short intervals, a Hostile fleet was present, to guard against which the militia of King George & the adjoining Counties, bordering on the Potomac, were by a levy on. masse [en masse?] kept on almost incessant duty, night & day. That he is well satisfied, that the sum of the service rendered by him at various times in manner aforesaid amounted in the whole to a period exceeding two years. That he has no Documentary evidence in support of his aforesaid service, having long since lost his discharge from his aforesaid enlistment for two years; and that the best evidence of his service known to him is herewith exhibited. That he was born in the County of King George, where & near which he has resided ever since. That he has no record of his age. That as before stated he first enlisted for two years in the army of the U. States, then he volunteered in a Minute company, then he was drafted to march to the Siege of York – and all his other service was in obedience to calls to guard the Potomac Margin.

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. [signed] John P Bowen

Affidavit of John Garner a Soldier of the Revolution taken this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832, to be used in support of the application of John P. Bowen to the War Department of the U. States, for the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

Affiant being about seventy nine years of age & first duly sworn says that John P. Bowen did to his certain knowledge enlist for the term of two years to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the U. States in the war of the Revolution. That affiant & said J. P. Bowen enlisted about the same time & for the same term, under Capt. Gust. B. Wallace. That affiant served out his full time, but that John B. Bowen at the end of about six months hired a substitute. That at the expiration of the term for which affiant was enlisted he returned home, but he found the Militia of his County, King George, so constantly on duty, without Tents, or scarcely any accommodation, he reinlisted in the regular army as a refuge from the privations & exposure of the local Militia.

John his Xmark Garner

NOTE: A letter dated 6 July 1837 refers to Bowen as "aged & illiterate."