## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bowman W21 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee } April Sessions 1823 Roane County Court }

The following declaration and documents were made in open court and ordered to be recorded (towit) "State of Tennessee Morgan County personally came John Bowman and in open Court doth solemnly swear that he is seventy years of age and was born and raised in the State of Virginia Amherst County and to the best of his recollection in the month of March 1777 enlisted under Capt Cluff Shelton [sic: Clough Shelton] and shortly after joined the tenth Virginia Regiment at Philadelphia commanded by Colonel Ed. Stevens [Edward Stevens] Gen'l [Charles] Scott's Brigade. Was in the battle of german town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] in Pensylvania and from thence to winter quarters at Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge] and from thence was sent on duty to a smal village call'd Penny Pack'd. [?] and in a scrimage with the Brittish him self and fourteen others was taken prisoners of war and was carried to Philidelphia from thence to New York and was a prisoner of war when the battle happened at monmouth in New Jersey [28 Jun 1778] shortly after was exchanged and joined my Regiment at Brunswick'd. [sic: Brunswick NJ] and was at the battle of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and continued a private soldier in said Capt Sheltons company and tenth Virginia Regiment for the term of three years and was then discharged at Burlington which discharge was assigned by James Delard Lieut, Cluff Shelton Capt. and Ed. Stevens Colo. His discharge is lost and has no other evidence in his power to prove his services but his own oath. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support 21st October 1822 Sworn & subscribed in open court John hisXmark Bowman Schedule

State of Tennessee Morgan County On this 21<sup>st</sup> October 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record having the power of fine & imprisonment and also having been made a Court of Record by the laws of said State for s'd. County John Bowman aged seventy years resident of the County of Roane and state of Tennessee who being duly sworn according to law douth on his oath declare the he served in the revolutionary war – that is he served the United States three years on the continental establishment as a private soldier in the tenth Virginia Regiment That he has received no pension certificate that his original declaration was dated as he thinks September about the 12th 1818 from which he has received no answer

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Names of my family My wife Barshaba aged about 60 years Daughter Sally d[itt]o, do 24 do Son Lewis do do 19 do myself John Bowman do do 70 years

Schedule of my property 1 Mare \$40.00 1 Sow 2.00 Household & kitchen furniture working tools 3.50 \$60.50

I am indebted to no man nor no man to me

NOTE: On 2 Oct 1843 Bashaba Bowman, about 70, applied for a pension stating that she married John Bowman in 1785, and he died on 25 May 1841. Her declaration was certified by Samuel Bowman and Lewis Bowman. On 20 Jan 1849 Barsheba Bowman's age was said to be about 80, and on an application for bounty land dated 20 Feb 1856, Beersheba Bowman was said to be about 90 years old. Another document states that her maiden name was Barsheba Hooper.