

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Marshall Bowman S16651

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At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for Kanawha County the 21st day of Oct. 1833.

Present: Lewis Summers, Esq., one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia and Judge of the 19th Circuit of the Tenth Judicial District.

State of Virginia, Kanawha County, to wit:

On this 21st day of October, 1833, personally appeared in open court, before Lewis Summers, Judge of the circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for said County, now sitting, Marshall Bowman, a resident of Cole River [sic, Coal River?], in the County of Kanawha, and State of Virginia, aged seventy-three years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832;

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The said applicant was born in Amherst County, Virginia. At the age of 16, he together with his father's family, removed to and settled in Burke County North Carolina. When about 19 years of age, and, he thinks in the year 1779, in the month of October, he volunteered his services as a private soldier in a company that was at that time being raised in said County of Burke, none of the officers of which are now recollected by this affiant, and marched to join the regular forces of the South, under command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] on Christmas Eve of 1779, and a few days after joining the army of Greene they crossed the Pedee river and marched to the Cheraw Hills, where the American forces took up their winter quarters. In this campaign this affiant enlisted for three months, and at the expiration of that time he was discharged. He returned home and in the summer or close of spring of 1781, he again enlisted for a campaign of three months against the Indians, who then infested the northwestern frontier of North Carolina. This affiant cannot recollect the name of any other officer of this company (which he thinks was composed of about 100 men) but that of the colonel, who was named Wawford [sic, Wofford?]. In this campaign they constituted a fort on the head of the Catawba River (called, this affiant thinks, Cass's Fort), and for the term of enlistment (3 months) ranged about the waters of French Broad. The Indian campaign being ended, he was discharged and again returned home, and immediately thereafter volunteered in a company of militia that Capt. MacFarland was raising in Burke County. This was for a like campaign of three months against the British, who then, this affiant believes, had possession of Wilmington in said State of North Carolina. At this time quite a large regiment had been raised in Burke County, and Capt. McFarland's company joined it on its march to Wilmington in said State of North Carolina. This declarant remembers that McDowell was the General, and White the

Major. The division of the American Army under General McDowell encamped in the vicinity of Wilmington, and was there lying when the intelligence of Lord Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown occasioned the British to return from Wilmington. In the course of a few weeks after this event McDowell's army was disbanded, the term of three months having been completed. During the service of this applicant there was no engagement between the American and British forces. He received a written discharge on each occasion of his retirement from service, but these have long since been lost. He has therefore no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know anyone who can testify to it. The whole period thereof was nine months; this he distinctly recollects -- ending late in the autumn of 1781, shortly after the surrender, as before stated, of Cornwallis. After the revolution this affiant moved back to Amherst County, Va., where he resided four or five years. He then moved to this (Kanawha) County, where he now resides.

Has hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Marshall Bowman

Teste: A. W. Quanier, Clk.

[David Harbour, a clergyman, and Charles Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Missouri Benton County

On this 9th Day of July 1840 before the subscriber a justice of the peace for the said County of Anson appeared Marshall who on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captains Mordecai Clark and McFarland in the Regiment commanded by Colonel (not now recollected by him) in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia from whence he has lately removed that he now resides in the State of Missouri where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Virginia to Missouri that he was a poor man whilst living in the State of Virginia and had a large and numerous family, that his children all moved to Missouri and being unable to obtain a livelihood by his labor for the double purpose of being supported by his children and enjoying their society -- he removed with them to the West.

S/ Marshall Bowman

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Marshall Bowman. Pen. --[illegible word, looks like "receous" could be "receives"] \$30 p annum.

I the undersigned, Marshall Bowman, in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War, give the following statement of my age and [indecipherable word] Services --I was born Oct. 13th, 1760 -- lived in Burke County during the War of the Revo. When in my 18th year of age (I can't tell the year) I volunteered for 3months. Marched from Burke County under Capt Mordecai Clark to Cheraw Hills; there found Gen. Greene's Army; can't remember the name of my colonel, nor the number of my Regt. -- the army were marched to Saulsbury [sic, Salisbury], at which place my time expired -- I got my discharge & returned home. In same year (as well as I can remember), I volunteered again for 3 months. Went from same County under Captain McFarlan [McFarland] to French Broad; was ranging against the Indians -- was in the service for three months -- perhaps in the same fall (won't be certain) I volunteered again for three months, under the last mentioned captain. Went to Wilmington, joined a Regt. under General McDowell

was in the service three months --whilst there we received the news of the capture of Lord Cornwallis -- I procured affidavits from North Carolina proving my service. J. M. Said [?] wrote my Declaration. I agreed to give him one half of the pension.

In Witness of all which I hereto Subscribe my name Jany 3 1835

S/ Marshall Bowman