Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of Thomas Bowyer BLWt268-300

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[The empty federal file jacket is inscribed as follows:]

Va. Bowyer, Thomas

B.L.Wt. 268--300-Capt.

Issued Dec. 31, 1795 to Henry Bowyer, Actg Executor/ No papers.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I certifie that Capt. Thos. Bowyer has served in the Continental Army ever since December 1776 to this

Date and is Intitled to his Quota of Land

Given [under my hand] this 27th day of May 1783

[Daniel Morgan Brigadier General]

Botetourt 21st March 1805

Sir If your recollection will serve you sufficiently, will trouble you to certify that Thomas Bowyer dec'd. intered the service of the Unites States in the 12th Virginia Regement at the first Organization thereof and that he continued in service untill the end of the Revolutionary War – and also that my services as a Lieutenant Commenced in that Regement at the formation thereof, and that I continued in service untill the end of said War, my motive in obtaining these certificates is to obtain an additional Bounty of Lands due to officers who served during the above period. If you have not yet obt'd. your claim, Mr. James Taylor the Gent'n. who hands you this would be a proper person to intrust with that bussiness

I am Sir with regard Your Obed't. serv't. [Henry Bowyer, pension application W5859]

I do Certify that Henry Bowyer was appointed an Officer in the Virginia Continental army in the fall of 1776 and that he continued in service til the close of the War at which time he ranked as Lieutenant

Given under my hand as a Major of the 9th Virginia Contineltal Reg't this 22d day of March 1805

at Lexington Virginia John Hays [BLWt1068-400]

Teste Andrew Hays

The Facts Contained in the within Letter are Correct – My own appointment as Colonel of the 12th Virginia Regiment was on the 12th November 1776. I don't know the day on which either of the Gentlemen entered the service, but think I can say with some degree of Confidence that it was before the end of the same year.

9th May 1805. James Wood formerly B. Gen'l. Continental Army

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Botetourt County]

To the honorable the Speaker and Gent of the House of Delegates the Petition of Thomas Bowyer humbly sheweth

That during his service as a Captain in the Continental army an Act of Congress passed allowing recruits pay and subsistance untill they joined the Army, that y'r Petitioner recruited a number of men who expected the emoluments promised by government & refused to march untill these promises were complied with that y'r. petitioner from a zeal for the publick service advanced the money out of his Own pocket to enable him to join his regiment, that he has the receipts of each Soldier for the money advanced & every necessary document to support his claim, That from the confusions which afterwards prevailed in the army he had it not in his power to have his accounts setled & he at present knows of no other mode of redress but through y'r. honorable House he therefore prays that his case may be taken into consideration & such relief granted as to y'r. honorable house may be just and reasonable & he as in duty bound shall pray

June 12th 1784

Ref'd to Claims