

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information of Michael Bowyer BLWt288-300 f1VA  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

Note: the file consists of only a cover sheet which reads as follows:

Va. Bowyer, Michael B.L.Wt.288-300—Capt. [Captain]  
Issued June 24, 1796  
No papers<sup>1</sup>

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 4-page file

I do certify that Michael Bowyer Was appointed a Captain by the Committee of Safety of Augusta County on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1776 & was commissioned by the then Governor Henry [Patrick Henry] – & was afterwards taken into Continental Service as part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment – Commanded by the then Colonel James Wood.

S/ Ro. Gamble—late [Robert Gamble]<sup>2</sup>  
a Captain 8<sup>th</sup> Va. Regmt.

Richmond 27<sup>th</sup> October 1808

By the Act of Assembly of 1776 Captain Bowyer's Company was made a part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment under my Command; which was Announced to Me by Governor Henry's Letter of (I think) the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1776.

Richmond 20<sup>th</sup> January 1808 S/ James Wood, formerly B. Genl.  
Continental Army

Captain Bowyer left the Army as Supernumerary & his letter inclosed [enclosed]

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<sup>1</sup> The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the War Department was destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed.

<sup>2</sup> [Robert Gamble BLWt869-300](#)

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[Reverse]

Allowed his bounty during the War deducting there from the Land already drawn

[p 4]

Dear Sir

Sulphur Springs, 8<sup>th</sup> November 1808

I received your Memo favored of 30<sup>th</sup> November Last and your attention and trouble is  
very obliging the certificate from my old friend Col. Gamble will shew [show] the time of my  
entering into the service the other requeset [requisite] you think necessary I never did Resign but  
Retired as a Supernumerary, there not being men sufficn't [sufficient] then in the Army to  
compleat [complete] the regiments, but considered ourselves Liable to be called into service  
when the Regiments should be completed, but that being not done nor thought required the

supernumeraries was all discharged in the year 1782 or 83, Magr. [Major] Prior<sup>3</sup> thinks in the latter year, if any thing further necessary, Prior is at hand & hope you have fully recovered your health. With great respect to your Obt. Srvt.

S/ Michl Bowyer

Dear Sir Sulfur Springs 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 1808

I received your kind favour of 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. and your attention and trouble is very obliging the certificate from my old friend Col. Yamhill will show the time of my entering into the service. The other request you think necessary I never did design but I'm tired as a Soldier now. There not being men sufficient then in the Army to complete the Regiment. I'm considered as not liable to be call'd into service when the Regiments should be completed. Had that being not done nor thought request the supernumerary was all discharged in the year 1782 or 83 Magr. Prior thinks in the latter year. If any thing further necessary, Prior is at hand & hope you have fully recovered your health. With great respect to your Obt. Srvt. Michl Bowyer

<sup>3</sup> Could be "Price". This MAY BE the same man as [John Pryor W12064](#)