

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Bingham R843

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State of North Carolina }

County of Watauga }

On this 31st day of October 1857 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Bingham a Resident of North Carolina in the County of Watauga aged ninety years who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on he Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Robert Bingham dec'd who she believes was a private in the war of the Revolution from the States of Virginia or Maryland She further declares she was married to the said Robert Bingham in the County of Wilkes North Carolina on the 7th day of December 1785 By publication of Bans, and was Married by Andrew Baker a Baptist Minister of the Gospel that her husband Robert Bingham died on the 26th day of March 1811 in the County of Wilkes NC. And that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed

Elizabeth herXmark Bingham

She further declares her said Husband inform her that he served two or three tours in the war of the Revolution and she thinks the last tour was Eighteen Months that he was at the Siege at Yorktown but was not presant at the surrend [19 Oct 1781] haveing gone on a vessel for Lumber that he served with Henry Holdway [pension application W18028] and Jeremiah Coger and others

State of North Carolina }

Wilkes County }

On this day [6 Nov 1857] personally appeared before me Wm. S McNeil an acting Justice of the peace for said County John B Crysel Esq a resident of said County and made oath in due and solemn form of Law the he was acquainted with Robert Bingham dec'd whose widow is now claiming pension he further states that he recolects seeing the said Robert Bingham and his Father Jeremiah Crysel who was a pensioner [application W4932] together and heard them talk about their being together in the war of the revolution he thinks they stated they served two or three tours in said war and that the last tour was nine months or more and that they were both in the Siege at Yorktown he further states that he thinks he heard his Father say that the said Robert Bingham was a waggoner in said War

[signed] Jno. B. Crysel

NOTE: In an application for bounty land on the same date Elizabeth Bingham's name before marriage was given as Elizabeth McNeil. On 31 Oct 1857 G. M. Bingham stated that "Henry Holdway stated to him that Robert Bingham served with him in the siege at Yorktown and came home together after they was discharged." A letter dated 25 Feb 1858 from G. M. Bingham of Soda NC refers to a statement by Joseph McNeil that he was at the marriage of his parents, Robert and Elizabeth Bingham. On 4 Nov 1857 Jesse Vannoy, 76, stated that he had heard Robert Bingham's brother, Benjamin Bingham, say that "his Brother Robert and himself was seperated while in said war by his brother being a wagoner."