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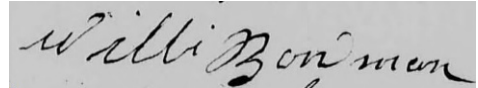
Pension Application of William Bowman S16328

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State of Indiana }
Washington County } SS Washington Circuit Court April Term 1833–

On this 5th day of April 1832 [sic] personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of said Court, it being a Court of record now sitting, William Bowman a resident of the said County and State aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. that he entered said service as a volunteer at Amherst County in the State of Virginia about the month of September 1777 by joining a Company under the command of Capt Nicholas Cabal [sic: Nicholas Cabell] for the term of 60 days, he then marched with said Company to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], where it was attached to a Regiment in the Virginia Line under the command of Col. Joseph Cabal [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell], remained there in the barracks, at that place, and performing duty in said company for the said term of 60 days, when he was discharged, but his discharge is lost – About the first of August 1780 at the same County of Amherst he was drafted as a private in a militia company under the command of Capt Azariah Martin – marched from thence to Hillsborough N.C. in said company; at which place the American army was then stationed – marched from Hillsborough with the army to Camden S.C. – was in the battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] – Gen'l. Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] commanded the militia to which this declarant belonged – he recollects Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates who had the command at that battle, also Gen'l Potterfield [sic: probably Lt. Col. Charles Porterfield, mortally wounded early in the battle], and that the forces under Gen'l. Potterfield were attacked in the night of the 16th of August, and the main battle was fought the next morning. The greater part of the company to which this declarant belonged was killed or wounded. Soon after the battle he returned home to Amherst County Va, where he received a furlough from the Colonel of the County for 20 days, after which time he returned to Hillsborough and joined as a private the militia company under Capt. Thomas Threadgill, William Collie was Lieutenant – the militia were then under Gen'l Stevens – he marched with the army from Hillsborough to Salisbury thence to Charlotte N.C. at which place Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] took command of the army [3 Dec 1780] – then marched to Cheraw Hills [in Marlboro County SC] and went into winter quarters – remained there till the 15th of February, when he marched with a detachment under Gen'l. Stevens for the purpose of guarding the prisoners that had been taken at the battle of the Cowpens [in South Carolina, 17 Jan 1781] – marched on as far as Reid [sic: Reedy] Creek when the battle of Guilford was fought [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. shortly after this he was discharged, but his discharge is lost. This was about the first of April 1781 – from the time he was drafted in the company of Capt Azariah Morgan as above stated up til April 1781 he served as a militia man as here stated not less than Eight months. Shortly afterwards in April 1781 he volunteered as a private for 90 days in the company under Capt. Charles Christian which belonged to the army then under Gen'l Lafayette & served in said company during the said period of 90 days Within a few days after his discharge, he was drafted into the same Company for 3 months – marched to Yorktown, was there in the battle at that place [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and after the battle marched with the prisoners to Winchester Va. where he was discharged, having served on this Expedition not less that 2½ months – He states that his said services as a private soldier in the Revolution amount in the whole to not less than fifteen months, and fifteen days – His discharges are all lost, and he has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service except his Brother John Bowman [pension application W21] & his Brother in law Joseph Lane [W1783], both of whom reside in the State of Tennessee and he cannot procure this testimony without great trouble and expense – He hereby relinquishes every 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 to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Bowman".

NOTE: The file includes Bowman's will and other documents stating that he died 2 April 1843 leaving no widow, and naming the following as heirs: Samuel Bowman, Edmund Bowman, Elisha Bowman, Polly Giles, Sarah Hendricks, Nancy Burke, Elizabeth Bowerman, John Bowman deceased, and William Bowman deceased.