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Pension Application of Micajah Bowen S29643

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State of Virginia Albemarle County Sct

On the 5th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County court of Albemarle, now sitting, being a Court of record Micajah Bowen of the County of Albemarle and State aforesaid, aged eighty years on the 8th day of August last, 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 was born in the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia, in the year 1753, the 8th of August and when a small child, removed with his parents to Albemarle. He was drafted in the militia at Charlottesville Albemarle County he thinks in the month of March in the year that Cornwallis surrendered at York [19 Oct 1781] in a company Commanded by Captain John Harris Lieutenant Leake and Ensign Thomas Jones and marched from Charlottesville to Richmond, then to Williamsburg – and from thence to York Town from thence to the Halfway house [between Yorktown and Hampton] – from which they retreated to Williamsburg, where he was encamped for a month he was then marched to Richmond as a guard over a number Sailors who had been taken prisoners – at which place he was discharged – this tour was for two months, and he was attached to a regiment Commanded by Reuben Lindsey [sic: Col. Reuben Lindsay]. After his discharge he returned to Albemarle and in a few weeks he was again drafted in the militia for a two months tour, and marched from Charlottesville under Captain Mark Leake to Richmond, which place they were compelled to leave by the approach of Arnold [see endnote], and were marched to the neighbourhood of the Rocoons ford on the Rapid Ann [sic: Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River, June 1781], where they joined Gen'ls [Anthony] Wayne and Lafayette. Col. Lindsey was still his colonel. from thence they marched to the old well along what is called the Marquis Road – from whence they pursued the enemy down to Bottoms Bridge – and on to James Town where he remained till he was discharged and returned to Albemarle – within a few days, he was again drafted in a two months tour, and marched from Charlottesville under Capt. Jno Burke [John Burke] and Lieutenant William Jarman to Richmond, where they remained for about two months – and instead of being discharged at the end of his tour, he was continued in service and marched to York Town where he remained in service till the surrender of the enemy and the Capture of Cornwallis, making in the whole a period of about four months that he was absent from home in the service of the Country in this last tour. He was Commanded in this third tour by Col. Reubin Lindsey. He has resided since the Revolution War in Albemarle.

He has no documentary evidence, nor any discharge – He would refer to Capt. Howell Lewis, Capt. Jno Thomas [John Thomas], Larkin Hudson and for his character for vericity &c. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pention role of the agency of any state

Micajah hisXmark Bowen

John Hogg [pension application R5105] being sworn says, that he marched and served with the applicant in the first and second tours as stated in the foregoing declaration and was with him at the several places stated in his declaration

Leonard Drumheller [W5265] being sworn says, that he marched and served with the applicant in the first and second as stated in the foregoing declaration, and was with him at the several places stated in his declaration

Thereupon the following interrogatories were propounded to the applicant by the Court

Ques. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the County of Lunenburg Va. the 8th day of August 1753

Ques. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age

Ques. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans. When called into service I lived in Albemarle, I have lived in said county ever since the Revolution and where I now reside

Ques. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ans. He was drafted on all three occasions.

Ques. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served – such continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service.

Ans. In the 1st tour I marched in the company commanded by Captain Jno Harris I think the Lieutenant name was Sam'l. Leake [Samuel Leake] – and regiment was commanded by Col. Reubin Lindsay – in the 2^d tour I marched under Captain Mark Leake the regiment was commanded by Col. Reubin Lindsay and which Regiment Joined Gen'l. Wayne and Lafayette – and in the 3^d tour I marched under Captain Jno Burk Regiment was command by Col. Reubin Lindsay – and was present at the Seige of York Town in this third tour

Ques. Did you ever receive a written discharge for the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a written discharge

Ques. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood and who can testify to your character as to veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Reveolution

Ans. I refer to John J Thomas, who know me and who can testify to my character as to veracity and to Jno Hogg and Leonard Drumheller as to my Services

I do hereby certify that I have heard Micajah Bowen Sr. talk of his performing a tour of duty in the Revolutionary War, of his being in the battle of Jamestown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], and at the Seige of York, and this too long before he had any expectation of becoming a pentioner. But have no knowledge of the fact myself

Given under my hand the 11th of October 1832 H Lewis

NOTES:

The raids of Gen. Benedict Arnold occurred in the first four months of 1781. The British at the time referred to by Bowen were under the command of Cornwallis.

A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Micajah Bowen received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 24 Dec 1845.