

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Bowman S3036

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State of Tennessee }

Rutherford County }

Circuit Court October Term 1832

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon'bl James C Mitchell Judge of the Circuit Court of said county and state aforesaid Daniel Bowman a resident of said County and State aforesaid seventy three years of age, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. States that he was born 15th March 1759 in the County of Frederick, now Washington State of Maryland, and in the year 1780 and declarant thinks in March of that year, he enlisted in the service of the United States for the term of twelve months, under Capt John Lee or Capt George Stogden. The service was called the Continental Boat Service. The duty required to be performed was to work Boats laden with, Flour, pork, whiskey, &c &c, from the mouth of Conococheage to Old Town on the North branch of the Potomack River [sic: Conococheague Creek at Williamsport MD to Oldtown on North Branch of Potomac River] – for the use of the Western Army about, or then stationed at Pitsburg [sic: Fort Pitt at later Pittsburgh]; and declarant thinks under the command of Gen'l [George Rogers] Clark. Soon after declarants enlistment, he was mustered into service at the mouth of Conococheage by the aforesaid Capts, with a complement of forty men and twelve boats and the Boats, after being loaded with provisions ascended the River to Old Town, where they were met with packhorses, which transported the stores and provisions across the mountain – when the Boats would descend the River to the mouth of Conocheague, load and return to Old Town. Declarant was engaged in this service upwards of six months, when he was dismissed by the Capts in command and permitted to return home on furlough, until again called into service. Declarant was not again called on to do duty. Declarant, thinks that Capt. Lee belonged to the Maryland Service and that Capt Stogden was attached to the Virginia Troop on Continental Service. The price stipulated to be paid declarant at the time of his enlistment was forty dollars per month, for the time he should be engaged in the Boat Service; and declarant states that after a service of upwards of six months he was dismissed and has never received from his Government for said service by the sum of eight dollars. When the Boats were stationary declarant with the rest of the corps, was under strict discipline, and performed regular camp duty. Declarant enlisted in the County of Frederick, State of Maryland when he entered the service; and the service above stated is the only service performed by him during the revolutionary war. He never got a discharge, and he knows of but one man, if he be now living by whom he can prove his said services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Daniel Bowman

On this 3rd day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon'bl James C Mitchell Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee Daniel Bowman who made his previous declaration at the Oct Term of said Court 1832 and made oath, that he has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove his said services – and he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove them. Declarant had a brother, who is the person alluded to in his declaration, but declarant does not know that he is now living. He resided in Maryland, and moved to East Tennessee when declarant last heard from him, whether he is now living declarant does not now know, not having heard from him for three years. And declarant makes oath, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but

according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below, and in the following grade, that is six months ten of fifteen days in the Continental Boat Service, and for such service I claim a pension. Declarant would again repeat, that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said service.

Declarant has in his possession a transcript from his Fathers Bible stating him to have been born 15th March 1759 which makes declarant seventy four years of age. Said transcript is now at the residence of Declarant in the County of Rutherford. Declarant would also state, that when he entered the service of the United States, as stated in his former declaration he lived in Frederick County State of Maryland where he lived some time after the war – and then moved to Rutherford County State of Tennessee, where declarant now resides – and declarant states he is acquainted in his neighbourhood with the Hon^l. James C Mitchell, Logan Henderson, Ths Yeardley, Elijah Cox, Robert Getters, Sam Anderson, William Ledbetter, Robert Smith, David Wadell, Jonathan Caman, Granville S Crockett, Charles Ready, and Charles Niles Telia Grendy & John Bell all of whom declarant believes would testify to the veracity of declarants character, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to in open Court, 3 Ap^l 1833

[signed] Daniel Bowmane [sic]

NOTE: The file contains a letter of inquiry dated 19 Sep 1844 on behalf of the widow of Daniel Bowman, stating that they were married in 1784, and he died on 6 Dec 1843.