

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Dewalt Bilman (Belman) S39993
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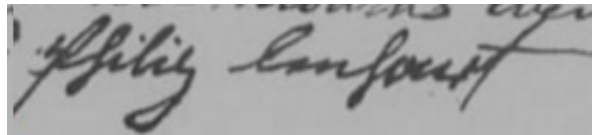
District of Pennsylvania Ss }
Union County } On the fifteenth day of September AD one thousand eight hundred and
eighteen Before me the Subscriber – President Judge of Eighth
Judiciary district of Pennsylvania Personally appeared Dewalt Bilman
aged to the best of his knowledge about sixty five years, resident in Union County and State aforesaid,
who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath according to Law, make the following
declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “An Act to provide
for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States n the Revolutionary War”
That the said Dewalt Bilman enlisted in Winsor township Berks County State aforesaid in the Spring of
the year before the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] in what the then called the Eighteen months men
and was Drafted into Captain Jacob Bowers [Jacob Bower, pension application W3212] Company in the
[blank] Regiment commanded by Colonel [Thomas] Craig, that he continued to serve in the said service of
the United States until the end of the war. after the taking of Cornwallis they were taken to Charlestown
South Carolina there remained till Charlestown was evacuated [by the British, 14 Dec 1782] and and after
they were marched from there one days Journey he got sick and was put in the Hospital till he got better,
and being weak he came on towards or to Reading in Berks County which took a long time, and when he
arrived in Reading and came to Captain Bower, he told him that the war was over, and deponent
demanded his discharge, to which Capt Bower replied that the war was over, and that he wanted none.
That he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that
he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Dewalt hisXmark Belman

State of Pennsylvania }
Cumberland County Ss } Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Associate
Judges of the Court of common pleas in & for said County of
Cumberland Philip Leonard [Philip Lenhart S23768] a creditable and disinterested witness and after being
duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is well acquainted with Dewalt Billman and that the
deponent enlisted at the same time, that said Dewalt Billman enlisted in the year 1781 and in the same
company commanded by Captain Jacob Bower and were in one mess together for a length of time at the
taking of Cornwallis, Col Craig was our commander in the Pennsylvania line, we were enlisted for
Eighteen months and after the taking of Cornwallis we were marched to South Carolina to Charleston and
there we lay near one year under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] until our time was expired and
further said that Dewalt Billman remained all the time in the service until the eighteen months were
expired.

Sworn & Subscribed Sepr 1st 1820

[signed in German Philip lenhart]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Philip Leonard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Pennsylvania }
Centre County Ss } Personally appeared before the Subscriber, one of the Associate Judges
of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Centre aforesaid, Adam
Sontag [Adam Sunday W26495], a creditable and disinterested Witness, known to me as such, and after
being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and says That he is well acquainted with Dewalt Billman,
and that this Deponent inlisted at the same Time, that Dewalt Billman inlisted in the same Company,
commanded by Captain Jacob Bower, and that said Deponent was with said Dewalt Billman in one Mess
together, for a length of time, at the taking of Cornwallis, Colonel Craig was then Commander, in the
Pennsylvania Line. that said Deponent and said Dewalt Billman were inlisted for eighteen Month Men,

and after the taking of Cornwallis, said Deponent and said Dewalt Billman were marched to South Carolina and the said Deponent and the said Dewalt Billman laid near a year until the Time of the Inlistment was expired and the War over under General Green.
 Sworn & Subscribed the first day of September 1820

District of Pennsylvania } On the twentieth day of December AD 1820 Personally appeared in open
 Union County Ss } Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid being a Court of Record
 and having Common Law Jurisdiction unlimited in amount and keeping a

Record of its proceedings & Expressly made a Court of Record by act of assembly of the State Dewalt Bilman aged Sixty Seven years resident in said County who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he enlisted in Reading Berks County in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company Commanded by Captain Jacob Bower in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Greg and remained in the Service of the United States about Eighteen Months in the Revolutionary War and that he made his original application on the fifth day of September AD Eighteen hundred and Eighteen that he has received his Certificate of his pension Numbered 17.900 and dated the twenty first day of October AD Eighteen hundred and twenty and that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and that I am a daily Labourer I have no Family except my wife aged 64 years and am now by old age and bodily infirmities unable to support my self without the assistance from my Country

Sworn & Subscribed in open Court the 20th day of December 1820 Coram Simon Snyder Jr Proth'y Dewalt hisXmark Bilman

A List of Property belonging to Dewalt Bilman

1 bed	15.00
1 Chest	2 00
2 Tables	3 00
2 Chairs	1 00
1 Corner Cubbord	4 00
1 Kittle & Iron pot	2 00
1 Grubbing Hoe	50
1 Mall and Wedge	67
1 Hog	1 00
1 Spining Wheal	1 00
1 Sundries	<u>10 00</u>
	\$40.37

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