

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shearwood Bowman S6678

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State of North Carolina Burke County: This day Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Shearwood Bowman who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his Corporal oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of and Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 for the Relief of Certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he was drafted as a private from the County of Burke & State aforesaid in the latter end of the year 1779 & served a tower [tour] of three months and was discharged in Charlestown South Carolina that when he was drafted he marched immediately to Charlestown where he served the time above said until the time of his discharge which was on the 24th of March in the year 1780 said Bowman further swears & declares that the officers under whom he served was as follows Captain Peter Ford Lieutenant Thomas Littlejohn, mustering Sergeant name forgotten & Ensign Benjamin White in Colonel Holmes's Regiment number forgotten of the Regiment forgotten General Lincoln Commander in Chief said Bowman further swears & declares that he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted private in the year 1781 for a three months tower under the following named officers Captain James Mac Farlan [James McFarland] Lieutenant & Ensign forgotten and Colonel Charles Mc Dowels [sic, Charles McDowell's] Regiment General Rutherford Commander in Chief and that he was marched near Wilmington NC where he continued his services until the expiration of his term of service which took place sometime in the month of December 1781 But that he has lost both of his Discharges he believing that they would never be of any service to him. Said Bowman further swears that he knows of but one man living by whom he can prove his services namely Nicholas Fry said Bowen being entirely deprived of his eyesight has had no intercourse beyond his immediate neighborhood since he was blind which has been about 11 years. Said Bowman further swears that his name is not nor never has been on any pension roll of the United States or any of the States Governments and that he hereby relinquishes all & every other annuity except the present. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th February 1833

S/ Philip Warbet, ??

S/ Shearwood Bowman, X his mark

After which the following Interrogatories were expounded

1st Where were you born? Answer in the State of Virginia in the year 1758 I think Amherst

County

2nd Have you any record of your age? Answer I have not but I have seen it

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Answer I was then living in Burke County North Carolina

4th Where have you lived since your services – Answer in the same County

5th Where were you called into Service were you drafted or a volunteer – Answer I was drafted

6th State the names of your officers

Answer I was in Peter Ford's Company in my 1st tour to Charleston South Carolina Thomas Littlejohn was Lieutenant & Benjamin White was the Ensign in Colonel Holmes's Regiment General Lincoln was Commander in Chief on my 2nd tour to Wilmington North Carolina I was in James McFarland's company I do not recollect the names of his subordinate officers I was in Colonel Charles McDowell's Regiment General Rutherford was Commander in Chief

7th Did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom were they given? Answer I did received 2 discharges but I cannot recollect by whom they was given

8th what has become of your Discharges – Answer I do not know what I have lost or mislaid them

9th States such men as you can prove your character by and who can testify to your services by – Answer I am known by the Reverend Mr. Alexander Abernathy & Joshua Bellew and Mr. William F Cannon and I can prove my tour to Wilmington North Carolina by Mr. William Fry. Sworn to and subscribed this 9th February 1833

S/ Philip Warbet, ???

S/ Shearwood Bowman, X his mark

[Joshua Ballew and William F. Cannon and Alexander Abernathy, clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Burke County: SS: This day came personally before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Nicholas Fry¹ who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath certify that he was intimately acquainted with Sherwood Bowman in the Camps near Wilmington North Carolina which was in the year 1781 or 1782 if I mistake not and I believe that he has served a tour of 3 months as he stated in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed this 9th February 1833

S/ Nicholas Fry, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]

¹ [Nicholas Fry \(Frye\) S6859](#)