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Pension Application of Thomas Bowles S8079

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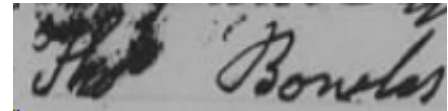
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State of Virginia } Sgt.
County of Henrico }

On this sixth day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Henrico of the State of Virginia Thomas Bowles, a resident of Hanover County in the State of Virginia aged seventy two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the State Regiment of artillery on the 12th of August 1777 with Lieutenant Robert Dandridge and served in the said Regiment until the 12th of August 1780 the period for which he enlisted. That said Regiment was commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall that Col. Muter [George Muter VAS803] was for a time Lt. Col. and after him Lt. Col. Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmonds VAS2004], that Thomas Matthews [Thomas Mathews W17076] afterward Gen. Matthews was Major that Gideon Johnson [Gideon Johnston (Johnson) S38089] was his captain, Robert Dandridge Lieutenant and Humphry Marshall 2nd Lt. or Ensign [sic: Capt. Humphrey Marshall S31234], that Captains Quarles, Mazaret, Pollard, Moody, Clay, Johnson & Jennings [Capt. Henry Quarles R17253, Maj. John Mazarett R16059, Capt. Thomas Pollard, Capt. Edward Moody, Capt. Thomas Clay VAS2170, Capt. Gideon Johnson, Capt. William Jennings R15422] were officers in said Regiment. That he resided in the County of Hanover when he entered the service and was in one engagement with the Barjes [barges] of the enemy at Hampton. they had taken two of our vessels out of four that they cleared[?] into Hampton & burnt them. The company to which I belonged was ordered to drive them off which we did. The company was then under the command of Cap. Mobeil [sic: Nicholas George Moëballé] (who was by birth a Swede), Dandridge and Marshall were the subalterns I was a Serjeant in which capacity I continued until discharged.

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 in any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.



Council Chamber 19 Feby 1784

I do certify that Thomas Bowles is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Serjeant of the State line who has served three years

Benjamin Harrison [Governor]

Thomas Meriwether

A Warrant for 200 acres issued to Thomas Bowles 20th Feby 1784

[Certified copies]

I do hereby certify that I have been acquainted for several years with Mr. Thos. Bowles of Hanover county (who informs me he is an applicant to the general government for a pension on account of services rendered said government as a soldier in the Revolutionary War) and I believe him to be an honest industrious & respectable citizen, his possessions are small, consisting of a small tract of poor land & a small stock of cattle & one or two horses &c.

July 27th 1832.

Meriweather L. Jones. [Baptist preacher]

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Thomas Bowles of Hanover County a Serg't in Colo. Marshalls Reg't of Artillery was enlisted for three

years on Conditions of not g being Carried out of the State dureing that Time, the Truth of this promise being made here appear on his Examination before a court of Enquiry But as he Left the Reg't Two Months before the Term of his Enlistment Expired on their being Ordered out of the State, he is to serve Two Months from the Date hereof in the Laberatory [laboratory] in this Tour at the Expiration of the Two Months he be at Liberty to Return home as Fully Discharged

Given Under My hand at Richmond.

Aug't 21st 1780

P. Muhlenburg B[G] [Peter Muhlenberg Brigadier General]

a Copy B Stark

Richmond October 21st 1780

I do hereby Certify that Thomas Bowles a Serg't in Colo. Marshalls Regiment of Artilery has been employed in the Laboratory from the 4th of September till this date

Copy Walter Scott [R17707] Lt. C

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document in the federal pension file states that the executors of Thomas Bowles received his final pension payment up to the date of his death on 7 Dec 1839.