

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Dowling S8346

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Revolutionary Claim

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I James Dowling of Cartridges Creek in the County of Washington, in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I entered in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution in and Independent Company in the year 1776 for one-year at the expiration of which he enlisted for 3 years in Captain Anderson's Company in the 2nd Regiment of the Maryland line commanded by Colonel Price that having served out both terms of enlistment in 1780 he enlisted for and during the War in Captain [indecipherable name] Company in a detachment of the 2nd Virginia Regiment – that he continued in the service until the year 1781, the 20th day of August having been much exposed to war there and engaged in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Guilford Courthouse, the 2nd battle of Campden [Camden, also known as Hobkirk Hill] and the Siege of Ninety Six, his health being greatly impaired and being wounded to some extent in both hands he received a discharge in these words

"Whereas William Reed Physician to the Southern Army has certified that James Dowling Soldier of Major Sneed's detachment and Lieutenant Wilson's Company is rendered by loss of health and wounds unfit for the duty of a Soldier the said Dowling is hereby discharged from the said detachment, done at Campden this 25th of August 1781.

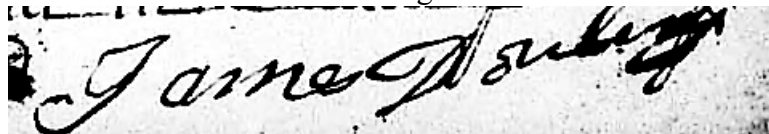
Signed Samuel Sneed Major

All Commissaries of provisions are desired to furnish James Dowling with rations on his March to Virginia.

By order of the Honorable Major General Green
Otto Williams Dep. Adj. Genl"

He states that he has not received a Certificate for the reward of \$80 nor did he inquire whether he was entitled to it, his object was not money but to spend and be spent in the Cause of Liberty.

S/ James Dowling

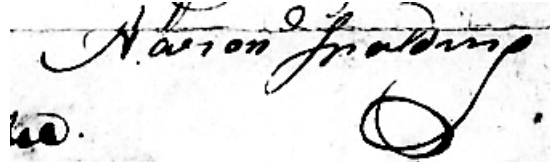
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Dowling", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

Washington County and State of Kentucky

I do certify that James Dowling served as a private soldier in the Independent Company in the first Maryland Regiment under the command of Colonel Smallwood in 1776 one-year and also

then enlisted in Captain Anderson's Company in the 2nd Maryland Regiment for 3 years and served out his time and was legally discharged given this 4th day of July 1818

S/ Aaron Spalding¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Spalding". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There are some faint marks and a small circular stamp or mark to the left of the signature.

To the Honorable the Secretary of War Department of the United States of America
Your Petitioner James Dowling would respectfully represents that from wounds received by him in the American Revolutionary War when a Soldier in the 2nd Virginia Regiment upon the Continental establishment and in the Company commanded by Lieutenant Wilson at the siege of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina in the month of June 1781, he was allowed a half pension and has regularly received the same from the proper Office in Philadelphia for about sixteen years past, that when his pension became last due he was refused the amount owing to his not procuring his pension Certificate which your Petitioner states he was unable to do never having received a Certificate & as your Petitioner believes none having ever issued, Your Petitioner states that the disabilities in both his hands occasioned by a musket or rifle ball for which he received his Pension still Continue, and that he has never received a pension Certificate,

He therefore petitions at a pension Certificate may issue to enable him to draw his money.
& Your Petitioner will ever pray etc.

S/ James Dowling

[December 14, 1819: attested by William L Kelly, Circuit judge]

[Veteran was initially pensioned as an invalid at the rate of \$5.33 1/3 per month for a two thirds disability incurred while serving in the Maryland and Virginia service during the revolution

¹ [Aaron Spalding S37441](#)