

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Sterling Bowen SC716  
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Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of Susan Bowen praying a pension  
December 4, 1839

Laid on Table & the Petition delivered to Ala Arnold

by order

S/ T. W. Glover

C.H.R. [Clerk of the House of Representatives]

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Susan Bowen praying a  
Petition beg leave to report

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend that the prayer thereof  
the not granted

S/ P. C. Caldwell

Chairman

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To the Honorable the Senate and Members of the Legislature of South Carolina –  
Mrs. Bowen Your Petitioner beg leave to make the following statement with a hope that your  
Honorable body will grant her a small pension for the short remainder of her life.

Your Petitioner is 78 years old and is the widow of Sterling Bowen who was a Soldier of  
the Revolution as the old discharge enclosed will show he served two or three Towers [tours]  
during the war, was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and at Camden  
[either the first Battle of Camden on August 15-16, 1780 known as Gates' Defeat or the second  
Battle of Camden, also known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] in this State which  
services would have entitled him to a pension but he has been 17 years dead and your petitioner a  
poor widow & at this time not able to make the strict proof required at the War Office of the  
United States therefore your petitioner relies upon the Justice of her claim & the patriotic  
feelings of her Country for a small pension to keep her from the necessity of breaking up house  
keeping and living dependent on others as She has no help no person to work for her but a  
widow daughter & two small children which is to be supported and your petitioner will pray &c  
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Abbeville November 1839

S/ Susan Bowen

We the undersigned believe the above statement to be true & that the old widow needs & is Justly entitled to a pension.

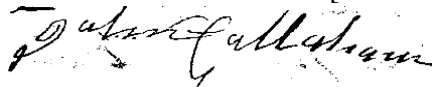
S/ William Anderson, Senior  
S/ John Brownell, Sr.

S/ John B Black  
S/ John Swellery [?]  
S/ A. Morrow  
S/ Hugh M. Frenic [?]  
S/ Jos. F. Bell

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I know Mrs. Bone [sic] & her family for fifty years. I was acquainted with Sterling Bone ever since the Revolutionary War. I always understood & believed him to be a Revolutionary Soldier. I always understood that he done one if not two terms of Service in South Carolina. I know that your petitioner is the widow of Sterling Bone, was married to him about fifty-eight years ago, was never married to any other man. I believe her statement to be true & think she deserves and is entitled to a Pension. I think Sterling Bone or his widow has lived in Abbeville District over 40 years. Abbeville district

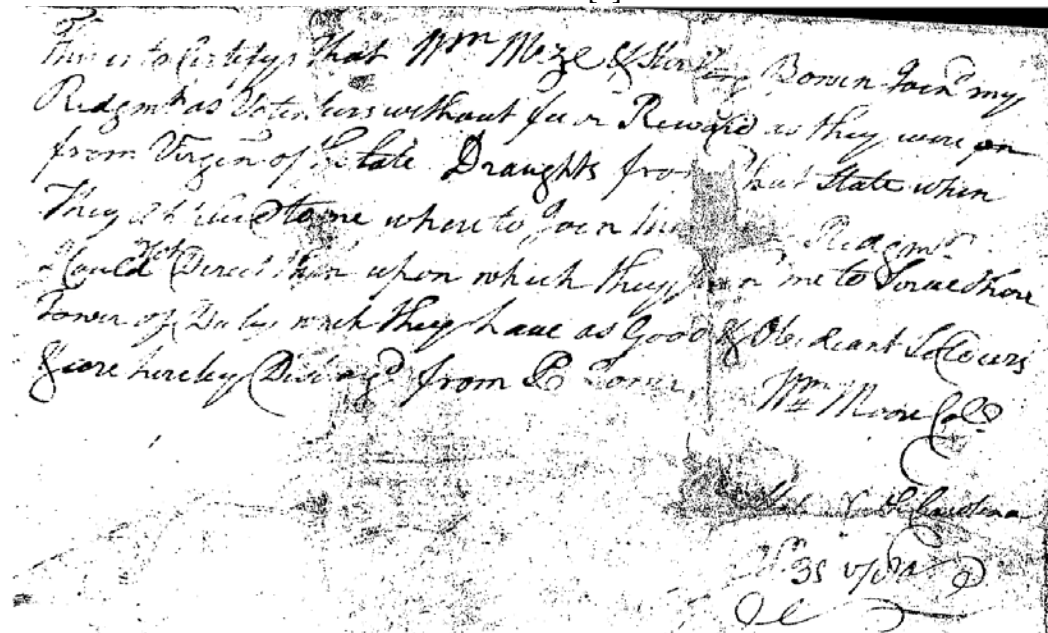
S/ John Callahan [? John Callahan?]



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This is to Certify that Wm Mize [William Mize] & Sterling Bowen joined my Regiment as Volunteers without fair Reward as they were from Virgin. of the late Draughts [drafts] from that State when they applied to me where to Join [word too faint to discern] Ridgmt. [regiment]. I could not Direct them upon which they joined me to serve their Tower of Duty which they have [served] as Good & Obedient Soldiers & were hereby Discharged from said Tower.

S/ Wm. Moore, Colo [William Moore, Colonel]<sup>2</sup>  
State of North Carolina  
[?] 31 1780



<sup>2</sup> [William Moore S183](#) was a Colonel of the Caswell County NC Regiment

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South Carolina Abbeville District} Personally appeared Ala B. Arnold before me and upon being duly sworn made oath that during the time that he was a member of the Legislature he believes in 1838 or 1839 he had in his possession the affidavit of John Bowen of Georgia proving the marriage of Susan Bowen, the present petitioner, to her husband Starling Bowen [sic] and also the services rendered by Starling Bowen in the revolutionary War for 1 or 2 terms: he does not recollect the precise language of the affidavit but believes it embraced all that the law required on the subject having had the matter in charge for 1 or 2 sessions he was particular in informing himself on the subject.

Sworn to and subscribed this 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1843 before me

S/ J. S. Caldwell, Magistrate

S/ A. B. Arnold

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December 16, 1843

Agreed to

S/ T. W. Glover, C. H. R.

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The committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Susan Bowen praying a pension Respectfully Report that they have had the same under Consideration and recommend that the prayer thereof the not granted.

S/ J. P. Crockett, Chairman