

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Samuel Bowen W12321

Nancy

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State of Georgia, Elbert County

On this 21st day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Dillard Herndon, James Oliver and William A. Beck – Justices of the Inferior Court of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia, now sitting for said County Samuel Bowen a resident of the County of Elbert and State aforesaid aged 76 years and a few months, who being 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Army of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as herein stated.

That he volunteered into the Service of the United States as a private Soldier for the term of nine months under Captain Nathan Clifton in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Litle [? Little? Or Archibald Lytle?] in the Month of August 1779, and after the expiration of said time was discharged from Service, that when he volunteered into the Service he resided in Montgomery County formerly Anson in the State of North Carolina. Joined his Regiment at Salisbury in said State a short time afterwards, marched from thence to Moore's Creek in said State from Moore's Creek to Charleston in the State of South Carolina, and was with the American Army at that place when besieged by the British in the Spring of the year 1780, and was there surrendered as a prisoner of War to the British Army, a short time afterwards broke from his imprisonment and returned to North Carolina his place of residence, that he was acquainted with and Served with the following named officers, Viz., General Lincoln, General Rutherford, Colonel John Litle and James Farr.

That he was borned [sic] in the State of North Carolina Montgomery County formerly Anson August the 16th in the year 1756, has no record of his age, there was a record but he does not know]where it is. That he volunteered into Service, and at the time [of] his entering the Service he lived in the place as before stated. The names of some of the Officers who were in the troops with him was General Lincoln, General Rutherford, Colonel John Litle, Colonel Farr and Captain Nathan Clifton. Was mostly engaged in marching and fighting the Enemy until he was a prisoner. That he received a Written discharge Signed by Colonel John Litle which is either lost or been destroyed. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can certify to his service.

The names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood, and who can testify as to my character and the belief of my services as a Soldier of the revolution, are Samuel Rembert, Edwin Evans and Samuel Starke.

That he also entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and

Served as herein Stated.

That he entered the Service of the United States as a Captain of the Militia light horse in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel George Davidson and Colonel William Lofton in the Year 1781 and after Serving eight months was discharged from the Service, that when he entered the Service he resided in Montgomery County formerly Anson in the State of North Carolina, joined his Troop at Montgomery Court House in the State afore said, from thence in different directions throughout the adjoining Country till he arrived at Deep River in said State in the year last aforesaid but does not recollect the month or day, and at that place fought the Tories Commanded by their Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] where he received a Wound in his arm, two days afterwards he again fought the Tories commanded by their Colonel Elrod where he received a Wound in his leg, from thence to Drowning Creek in Anson County, in the year aforesaid and at that place fought the Tories commanded by one McLondon, from thence went into the neighborhood of his residence and remained there until discharged from service.

That he was born in Montgomery County State of North Carolina on the same day and year as before stated, has no record of his age there was a record but he does not know where it is.

That he lived when he entered the last Service in the same place as before mentioned, and that he has lived in the following places since the revolutionary War, to Wit, in Montgomery County and State of North Carolina until the year 1796, after that time removed to York District in the State of South Carolina, where he lived until the year 1811, removed from that place to Wilkes County in the State of Georgia and lived there until the year 1826, and removed from thence to Elbert County in the State last mentioned where he now resides, and has resided there ever since. He says that he volunteered into Service. In this last service he says he served with no regular officers, only with the officers of his Regiment.

He states that he received a Captain's Commission in this last Service, which said Commission was signed by Colonel George Davidson and Colonel William Lofton which has either been lost or destroyed a long time Since.

The names of the persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood, and who can testify as to my Character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a Commission [sic] Officer of the Revolution, you will refer to the names of those before Mentioned in this declaration.

And that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Benj. W. Fortson, Clk

S/ Samuel Bowen, S his mark

[Standard certificate of reputation for veracity, age and belief of revolutionary soldier services given by James Davis, a clergyman, and Eaelium[?] Evans.]

[Nancy Bowen, 52, widow of Samuel filed for a pension in Pike County, Ga., August 2, 1843. She married Samuel in Elbert County, Ga., in January 1826 [by later amendment to her declaration, she says she was mistaken, that her marriage to Samuel occurred in March 1835]; states her husband died August 2, 1843 in Pike County, Ga. This application is dated May 15, 1854 in Pike County, Ga. In another affidavit filed in Pike County, Nancy says she is about 54 years old—this affidavit is dated March 22, 1855.]

[fn p. 25, Certificate from Gabriel Booth, JP, that Nancy Freeman and Samuel Bowen were married March 17, 1835, in Elbert County, Ga.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$230 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 17 months service as a private and Captain in the North Carolina militia.]