

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bolling Wells W2208

Elizabeth

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On the sixteenth day of June personally appeared in open Court before William Moss, Richard Booth, James H. [indecipherable last name] & William Ferguson the Court of Dinwiddie County now sitting, Bowling Wells a resident of Dinwiddie County, and State of Virginia aged 74 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: To wit: in the month of August 1777 under Captain George Pegram and Colonel Joseph Jones, he marched in the month of August of the same year from Petersburg direct to Williamsburg and remained there two weeks from thence he marched to Hampton where embarked for Portsmouth and remained at Portsmouth two months and a half being the middle of November 1777 – making the length of my first Tour of service – three months, at this time we were discharged and I returned home – the British were in possession of Norfolk while we were at Portsmouth and I was in daily view of them – in this tour I was a drafted private in the militia. We were discharged by General Nelson of the Continental Army = The middle of May 1779 I entered upon my second Tour of service in the Militia as a private and substitute for a man named \_\_ under the command of Colonel John Banister and Captain George Pegram. I commenced this tour at Petersburg and remained there two weeks – and then set out for Smithfield passing along by Cabin Point and Surry Court-House, we reached Smithfield on the 5th or 6th of June, we remained there one month, at which time and place most of the militia were discharged – I was not however but was ordered by Colonel Banister to return to Petersburg, and on reporting myself to the Colonel at Petersburg I was discharged and returned home on the 10th or 12th of July of that year – making the length of this my second Tour seven weeks. On the 12th or 15th of August 1780 I entered my third tour of service a private in the Militia in this tour I was drafted and was commanded by Captain John Wagner and Colonel Joseph Jones. I commenced this tour also at Petersburg Virginia there remained a day or two only – He then set out for Cabin Point, and thence to Markin Mills, and there stayed two weeks – then we removed to Scott's old Fields and encamped with the regular Soldiers, the particular regiments and companies I cannot recollect – here for the first time I saw General Green [Nathanael Greene] commander in chief of the southern Army – at Scott's old Fields we stayed two and 1/2 months [illegible words] weeks – bringing the time of the year to the 20th of November – the length of this my third tour was three months – we were discharged at Scott's old Fields at the expiration of the 2 1/2 months and I returned home – On the first or 2nd of August 1781 I again entered the United States service as a drafted Militia (private) under the officers Captain George Pegram and Sergeant John Jackson and Colonel John Banister – I began this my fourth tour at Hatchers Run marched in the County of Dinwiddie Here we stayed 2

weeks & then marched to Petersburg – stayed there one or 2 days and then marched with others as a guard under Sergeant John Jackson to 15 or 18 British prisoners for Goochland Court House there we delivered them to Captain Dudley of the United States Army – we passed through Chesterfield and Powhatan Counties, stayed one night at Goochland Court House and then returned to Petersburg 20th of August – the weather extremely hot – here we remained under command of Commissary George Elliott and Commissary John Wadlington until the surrender of York Town October 19th 1781 and then were discharged – making the length of this my 4th tour 10 weeks. The length of my services during the whole war was 10 months. I have no documentary evidence of my services. I was born in Dinwiddie County Virginia in the year 1760 – have no record of my age – lived in said County when called into service – lived there ever since and still live in said County. I received no written discharge – was in no engagement or battles during my service – I know of no one who can testify as to my services – those of my neighbors who can testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my serving as a soldier of the revolution –

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.

*aforesaid.*

*Bolling Wells*

[Isham E Hargrave, a clergyman, and Richard Booth Standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: State of Virginia town of Petersburg March 18, 1850, Elizabeth Wells, 74, on the 8th of June next, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Bolling Wells, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him October 27 1796; that her husband died December 4, 1843; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: certificate from the Dinwiddie County clerk of court stating that Bolling Well [sic] and Betsey Moody were joined in holy matrimony in the Methodist Episcopal Church on October 27, 1796.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months and 29 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]