

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Bowling W25257

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County of Orange Ss

On this Twenty first day of July 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said county in the State of Indiana by the law of said State erecting said court proceeding according to the course of the common law and having jurisdiction in point of amount Joseph Bowling resident in said County aged about seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said Joseph Bowling enlisted for the time of three years in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Cornelius Collins but served in the company commanded by Captain Valentine Paton [sic: see below] in the regiment commanded by Colionel Heath (William as he thinks) [see endnote] in the line of Virginia on the land continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps untill the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1780 when he was discharged from the service at Philadelphia in the State Pennsylvania that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not makeing earlier application for a pension. – That he did know [sic] of the law of the eighteenth of March 1818 untill in May 1820 that after this period he placed his certificates in the hands of several persons to procure a pension for him but who like himself were ignorant of the steps necessary to be taken for that purpose, that one of these persons kept his papers nearly two years and others for various periods untill among them all he was amused with false hopes of success about six years when he applied to the Circuit Court of Orange County at the term of February last that he might do what he supposed would obtain a pension that he failed allso in this attempt as the transcript of the record of the procedings has been returned to to him as deficient.

And pusence of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18 of March 1818 the following changes have have been made in my property viz: That on that day I owned one horse which has been disposed of as follows

Description of property	Names of persons to whom disposed of	Time of sale	Amount recived
One horse	Washington Williams	About two years since	About seven

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Sworn to in open Court this 21<sup>st</sup> July 1826.

The following is a schedule of all the property which I now own Viz

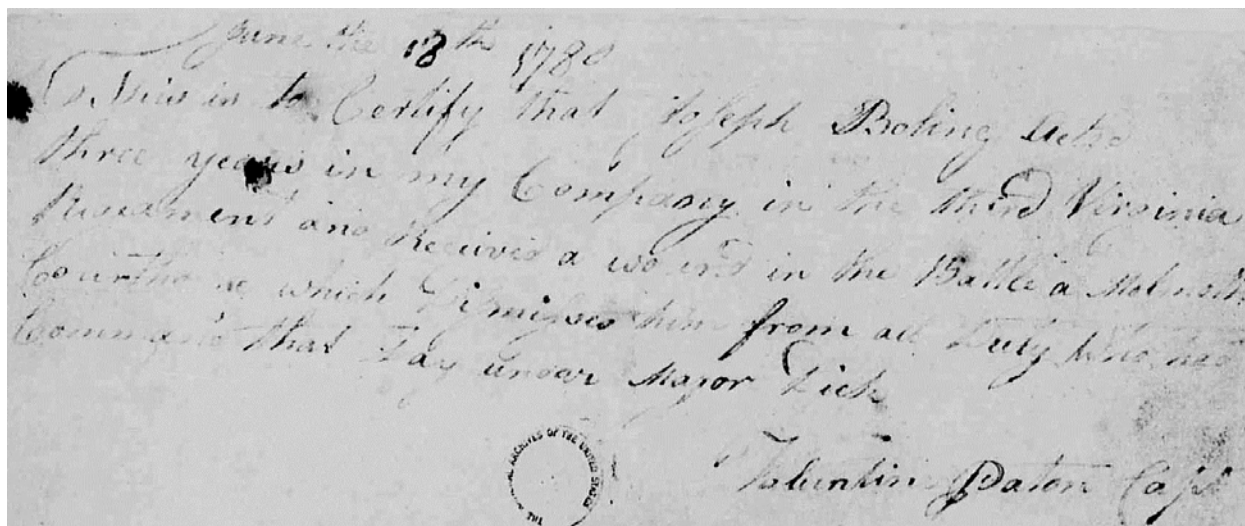
Six head of cattle

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[The following document looks authentic, but note the spelling in the signature. The only known Capt. Valentine Peyton in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment was certified to have been killed at Charleston SC on 10 May 1780, more than a month before the date of this document. See Valentine Peyton BLWt2241-300 and the pension application of James Alverson W8326.]



June the 18<sup>th</sup> 1780  
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three years in my Company in the third Virginia  
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Courthouse which Dismisses him from all Duty who had  
Command that Day under Major Dick  
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June the 18<sup>th</sup> 1780

This is to Certify that Joseph Boling Acted three years in my Company in the third Virginia Regiment and Received a wound in the Battle at Molmouthe Courthouse [Monmouth Courthouse NJ, 28 Jun 1778] which Dismisses him from all Duty who had Command that Day under Major [Alexander] Dick  
Valuntine Paton Capt

NOTES:

William Heth was Lt. Col. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment from 1 April 1777 until 30 April 1778, when he was promoted to Colonel. Heth was sent in command of a detachment to Charleston SC, where he was captured at the surrender of that city on 12 May 1780.

On 13 July 1858 Martha Bowling, 73, of Greene County IN, applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Bowling in the spring of 1818 in Madison County KY, and he died in March 1837. Another document, however, gives the date of his death as 30 Jan 1836. Another document states that the maiden name of Martha Bowling was Martha Williams. On 30 Jan 1859 her age was said to be about 75, but in an application for bounty land dated 5 Dec 1859 her age is given as 72 years. On 14 Sep 1859 William Bolling (as he signed), 40, of Jackson Township, Orange County, stated that his mother, Martha Bowling, was then living in the family of Enoch Stone, husband of Sally, the daughter of Joseph and Martha Bowling. He also stated that Joseph Bowling's daughter by a previous marriage and her husband, James Belcher, both deceased, had been administrators of his estate. On 9 June 1859 Nette Briscoe, 48, stated that she was the sister of Martha Bowling.