

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Bowen W25259

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Georgia, Tattnall County: On this 9th Day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of said County and State now sitting Elijah Bowen a resident of the County and State aforesaid who was born in Dupelin [sic, Duplin, misspelled throughout this document] County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1758 the record of which is burnt and is of the age of seventy-four years who being 1st 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service in the year 1782 under a draft in the County of Duplin in the State of North Carolina under Captain Robert Merit [sic, Robert Merritt] and Colonel Kenan and marched against the Tories on Black and South Rivers, from thence he was put as a guard over some Tories and marched to Halifax on Roanoke River from thence he went back to Duplin and joined Colonel Kenan and stood guard over some prisoners about 2 or 3 months from thence was marched to the Mulberry Grove in Hanover County [sic, New Hanover County] and joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] from thence we marched into Wilmington from thence I marched back into Duplin County and stood guard until peace was proclaimed, he was then discharged which discharge was burnt after having served 6 or 8 months. Since the Revolution he has been a resident of the State of Georgia and of the County of Tattnall for the last thirty years. 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 this State or any other.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Elijah Bowen, E his mark

[John Coward, a clergyman, and Benjamin Brewton and James Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Tattnall County: On this 12th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting Elijah Bowen a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 74 years who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration made on the 9th October 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7,

1832. That he served as set forth in the original declaration, save that he 1st served a tour of 3 months under a draft, and then volunteered and served another tour of 6 months: that in all he served not less than 9 months; that he served as a private. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the applicant, and the answers were as follows to wit:

Ques. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. 1. In Duplin County North Carolina on the 11 March 1759

Ques. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. 2. He has had the record of his age, which is long since been burned in his house

Ques. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. 3. During the service he lived in Duplin County NC directly after the war he removed to Effingham now Bullock County, Georgia – and for the last 30 years he has lived where he now does, in the County and State 1st aforesaid.

Ques. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr. 4. He was 1st drafted and afterwards volunteered.

Ques. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr. 5. Colonel Kenan & Colonel Rutherford, for the remainder he respectfully refers to the Statements contained in the body of the declaration & amendment.

Ques. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr. 6. He received a discharge from Captain Merritt, which was burnt in his house, at the time his house was burnt in the troublesome times of the Indians.

Ques. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. 7. John McDonald, Elias McDilda, John B McFarland, Allen Camrow, Daniel Camrow, Benjamin Lopp, Benjamin Brewton, James Smith, John Little and Alexander Gordon

S/ Elijah Bowen, EB his mark

[fn p. 15: On August 11, 1858 in Tattnall County Georgia, Sabry Bowen, 82, filed for an increase in her pension as the widow of Elijah Bowen stating that her name prior to her marriage was Sabry Little; that her husband departed life in Tattnall County Georgia December 31, 1837; that she married her husband in December 1804.]

[fn p. 18: On February 6, 1857 in Tattnall County Georgia, Sabrah Bowen, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement adding that she married her husband in December 1804 and that they were married in Tattnall County Georgia by Jesse Bird, a justice of the peace.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]