

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Bowman W397

Eleanor

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: Supplemental Declaration

On this the 3rd day of May 1847 personally appeared before me Elijah Boddie Chairman and justice of the peace for Sumner County in open Court Elanor Bowman a resident of said County aged about 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July the 7th 1838, March the 3rd 1843 and in Act passed June the 17th 1844 – And any other acts or resolutions of Congress which embraced the facts of her case. She further states that her husband enlisted in Rowan County North Carolina that he marched from there to Charleston South Carolina where he fought under General Lincoln and was taken prisoner when Charleston surrendered in the year 1780. She has no recollection of his Captain, Major or Colonel or the names of either. She does not know of any other battles that he was then or any other countries through which he marched nor can she states positively whether he was a regular or irregular but she believes that John Bowman her husband was the identical John Bowman whose name is found in the office of Secretary of State of North Carolina to whom was granted a land warrant for his militia services because she has never known or heard of any other John Bowman that her husband. She would further state that all the she has ever known or heard of in the United States descended from either James Bowman (the father of her husband) or from William who was a brother of James. After John Bowman was paroled he resided in Rowan County NC until 1798 when he removed to Sumner County where he died. She further declares that the entry on the family record made a part of this declaration relative to his birth and marriage was made in the handwriting of her husband John Bowman and that the said family record has remained in her possession ever since her husband's death and in the joint possession of her and her husband during his life. She knows that the above entries were never altered or changed and she has no doubt but that said record contains the truth with regard to both birth and marriage and the time when her husband died which is in another Bible.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Bowman on the 3rd day of January in the year 1793 that her husband the aforesaid John Bowman died on the 11th day of September 1831 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, to wit at the time above stated.

Sworn to in open Court May 3rd 1847

S/ W. S. Munday, Clerk

S/ Elanor Bowman, X her mark

Affiant James A Bowman made oath that he made the entry in the family Bible of his father's death and that from said entry it appears that his father John Bowman died on the 11th day of September 1831 he further swears that the Bible containing the entry has been in the joint possession of himself and mother ever since and that he knows the above account of the entry is true as the original entry is in his handwriting and has never been altered or changed – May 3rd 1843

S/ John A Bowman

[fn p. 6 Family Record—transcribed as written]

John Bowman born November 15th 1762

Eloner Bowman born Aprile 12th 177-[last digit illegible]

John & Elanor Bowman married Jenanary 3th in the year 1793

Marthe Bowman born November 28th [unclear] 1793 Thursday

Elizabeth Bowman [too faint to read] Sunday

James Alford [?] Bowman born December 11 1797 Munday

Moriah Secelia Bowman born Feby 11 1800 Munday

Sinthe Bowman born June 20 1802 Sunday

Jenney Bowman born December 23 1804 Sunday

John McRee Bowman born Jenanary 27 1807 wedday

Elenor Bowman born December 15 1810 fri[paper torn]

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Deaths

Martha Bowman departed this life September 16th 1821 Aged 80 years

James Bowman Senior departed this life October 11th 1823 Aged 86 years

James and Martha Bowman lived in a State of Marriage 61 years and 6 months.

James Bowman professor of Religion 54 years and his holy life proved him to be a possessor [?]

Martha Bowman his wife was a professor of Religion 24 years and no dout a possesser

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John Bowman Departed this life September [illegible] 1831 aged 68 years and 10 months and 26 days was a professor of the criston religion for 32 years and beloved [believed?] faithful to the end

William, Barton decaced [deceased]

Anderson W. Barton deseast [deceased?]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office that a Warrant was issued for six hundred and forty acres of land on the 9th Day of August 1788, for the services of John Bowman as a private Soldier in the revolutionary War, which Warrant is No. 3600 and is for the quantity of acres allowed by the laws of this State to a Soldier who served during the War, or to the heirs of such as died in the service, and was issued when all such warrants was issued on the certificates of Field Officers.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh the 15th December 1846

S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State

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I do hereby acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner of War, upon my Parole, to his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, and that I am hereby engaged until I shall be exchanged or otherwise released there from, to remain at my plantation in the Parish of St. Luke's in the County of Rowan in the Province of North Carolina

and that I shall not in the mean Time do, or calls anything to be done prejudicial to the success of His Majesty's Arms, or have Intercourse or hold Correspondence with his Enemy; and that upon a Summons from his Excellency, or other Person having Authority thereto, that I will Surrender myself to him or them at such Time and Place as I shall hereafter be required. Witness my hand this 19th day of May 1780

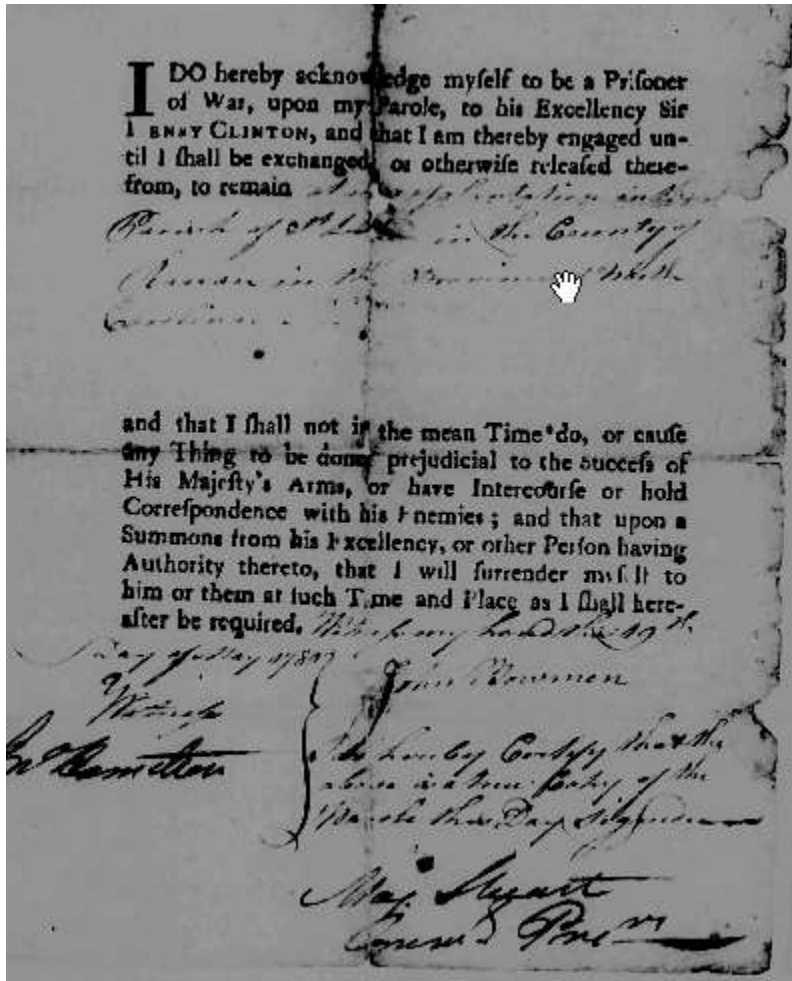
S/ John Bowman

Witness

Jno Hamilton

I do hereby Certify that the above is a true Copy of the Parole this Day Signed.

S/ Maj. Stuart
Commr of Pri^{ns}



[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's 2 years service in the North Carolina militia.]