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Pension Application of Henry Bowyer W5859 Agatha Bowyer VA
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State of Virginia SS.

At a Court held at the Court house for the County of Botetourt on Monday the 8th day of October 1838

On this 8th day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the County Court of Botetourt Agatha Bowyer a resident of said County aged [blank] 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows that she is the widow of Henry Bowyer who was commissioned a Lieutenant but commanded a troop of Cavelry during the Revolutionary War and performed the Service of adjutant, that he entered the Service at the commencement of the War and continued until the end of the War, that he was attached to the Corps commanded by Colo. Washington [Lt. Col. William Washington's Dragoons], that he served at Bufords defeat [defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] and at the surrender of Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781], that he resided in the County of Botetourt when he entered the service and received a pension for a few years previous to his death, and that she presumes further evidence of his service can be procured at the War Department. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Bowyer on the 9th day of August in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, that her husband the aforesaid Henry Bowyer died on the 13th day of June Eighteen hundred and thirty two, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred & ninety four Viz. at the time above stated and that she was never afterwards married.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written in Open Court Agatha Bowyer

[The following is in [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do certify that Lieutenant Henry Bowyer, of the first regiment of Light Dragoons, was appointed an Officer in May 1777 in the 12th Virginia Regiment of foot, and was transferred to the Cavalry the 7th May 1780, and has been in actual service sucessively ever since, without being broke or superceded in that time

[Samuel Finley, pension application W10026] Major, Infantry
Richmond August 23^d 1783



NOTES:

The file contains a copy of a document showing payment to Henry Bowyer as Lieutenant and Adjutant from 1 Oct 1777 until 31 Dec 1781.

In the file is the following copy of the marriage record from Botetourt County: "Married on the Ninth day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two by the Rev'd. Edward Crawford Henry Bowyer and Agatha Madison." Agatha Bowyer subsequently applied for an increase in her pension on grounds that although Henry Bowyer held the rank of Lieutenant, he had performed the duties of a Captain and Adjutant. In one such application she stated that Henry Bowyer had lived in Botetourt County for the last 63 years of his life, and before then in Augusta County VA. A document dated 8 July 1848 states that Agatha Bowyer died 6 Oct 1847 leaving John M. Bowyer as sole legatee.

On 24 Nov 1855 Henry W. Bowyer stated that he was son and executor of Henry Bowyer, who had received a pension of \$400 annually under the act of 15 May 1828 until his death, and that his

mother, Agatha Bowyer, had received a pension of \$600 annually under the act of 7 June 1832 until her death, and he claimed the difference between the two pensions from 1826 to 1831. He further stated “that his father, during his life time, thought great injustice had been done him, by the Pension Office, in not allowing him full pay as a Captain.”