Bounty Land Warrant information of Michael Bowyer BLWt 288-300
Transcribed by Will Graves 6/5/15

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Note: the file consists of only a cover sheet which reads as follows:

Va. Bowyer, Michael  B.L.Wt.288-300—Capt. [Captain]
Issued June 24, 1796
No papers

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia] 4-page file

I do certify that Michael Bowyer Was appointed a Captain by the Committee of Safety of Augusta County on the 2nd day of August 1776 & was commissioned by the then Governor Henry [Patrick Henry] – & was afterwards taken into Continental Service as part of the 12th Virginia Regiment – Commanded by the then Colonel James Wood.

S/ Ro. Gamble—late [Robert Gamble] 2

a Captain 8th Va. Regmt.

Richmond 27th October 1808

By the Act of Assembly of 1776 Captain Bowyer's Company was made a part of the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment under my Command; which was Announced to Me by Governor Henry's Letter of (I think) the 3rd December 1776.

Richmond 20th January 1808 S/ James Wood, formerly B. Genl.
Continental Army

Captain Bowyer left the Army as Supernumerary & his letter inclosed [enclosed]

1 The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the War Department was destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed.

2 Robert Gamble BLWt869-300
Dear Sir  
Sulphur Springs, 8th November 1808  

I received your Memo favored of 30th November Last and your attention and trouble is very obliging the certificate from my old friend Col. Gamble will shew [show] the time of my entering into the service the other request [requisite] you think necessary I never did Resign but Retired as a Supernumerary, there not being men sufficient [sufficient] then in the Army to compleat [complete] the regiments, but considered ourselves Liable to be called into service when the Regiments should be completed, but that being not done nor thought required the...

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I do certify that Michael Bowen was appointed a Captain by the Committee of safety of Augusta County on the 2nd day of August 1776 he was commissioned by the then Governor Henry Lee after wards taken into continental forces as part of the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by the late Gen. James Wood.

[Reverse]

Allowed his bounty during the War deducting there from the Land already drawn

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supernumeraries was all discharged in the year 1782 or 83, Magr. [Major] Prior\(^3\) thinks in the latter year, if any thing further necessary, Prior is at hand & hope you have fully recovered your health. With great respect to your Obt. Srvt.

S/ Michl Bowyer

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\(^3\) Could be "Price". This MAY BE the same man as John Pryor W12064