

Pension Application for William Bower

S.34656 Private Hazen's Regiment

B.L.Wt.958-100

District of Maryland, Washington County SS.

On this seventh day of July 1818, before me the subscriber chief Judge of the fifth Judicial District of the State of Maryland composed of Frederic, Washington and Allegany Counties personally appears William Bower or Bauer aged seventy years resident in Washington County in the district aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War"—

That the said William Bower enlisted with Major Dory at Fishkill State of New York in the Congress Regiment commanded by Colonel Hazen for three years or during the War—That he does not know what year he enlisted—but it was a few months after the capture of Burgoyne—and he served upwards of five years, and was discharged near West Point after the end of the War—his first Captain was named White and said White was Major when said Bowen was discharged.—

That he sent his discharge some years ago to the late General Heister then a member of Congress to apply for his Bounty Land—but the General dying soon after he neither got his land nor his discharge back again.—

That during his term of service he was in the battle at Pompten Plains and at the engagement at York Town when Cornwallis surrendered.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence of his services now in his power.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. Jno. Buchanan, Chief Judge

Letter in folder dated July 21, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.34658 it appears that William Bower, or Bauer, (a Dutchman) enlisted at Fishkill, New York in the fall of 1777, as a private in Captain White's Company, Colonel Hazen's Regiment, was in the battles of Pompton Plains, and at the Siege of Yorktown, and served over five years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 7, 1818 while a resident of Washington County, Maryland, at which time he stated that he was aged seventy years.

In 1820 he stated that he was aged seventy-five years, and referred to his wife aged fifty-five years, name not given, and had one daughter living with him, Elizabeth aged twenty years. His name does not appear as Bowen.