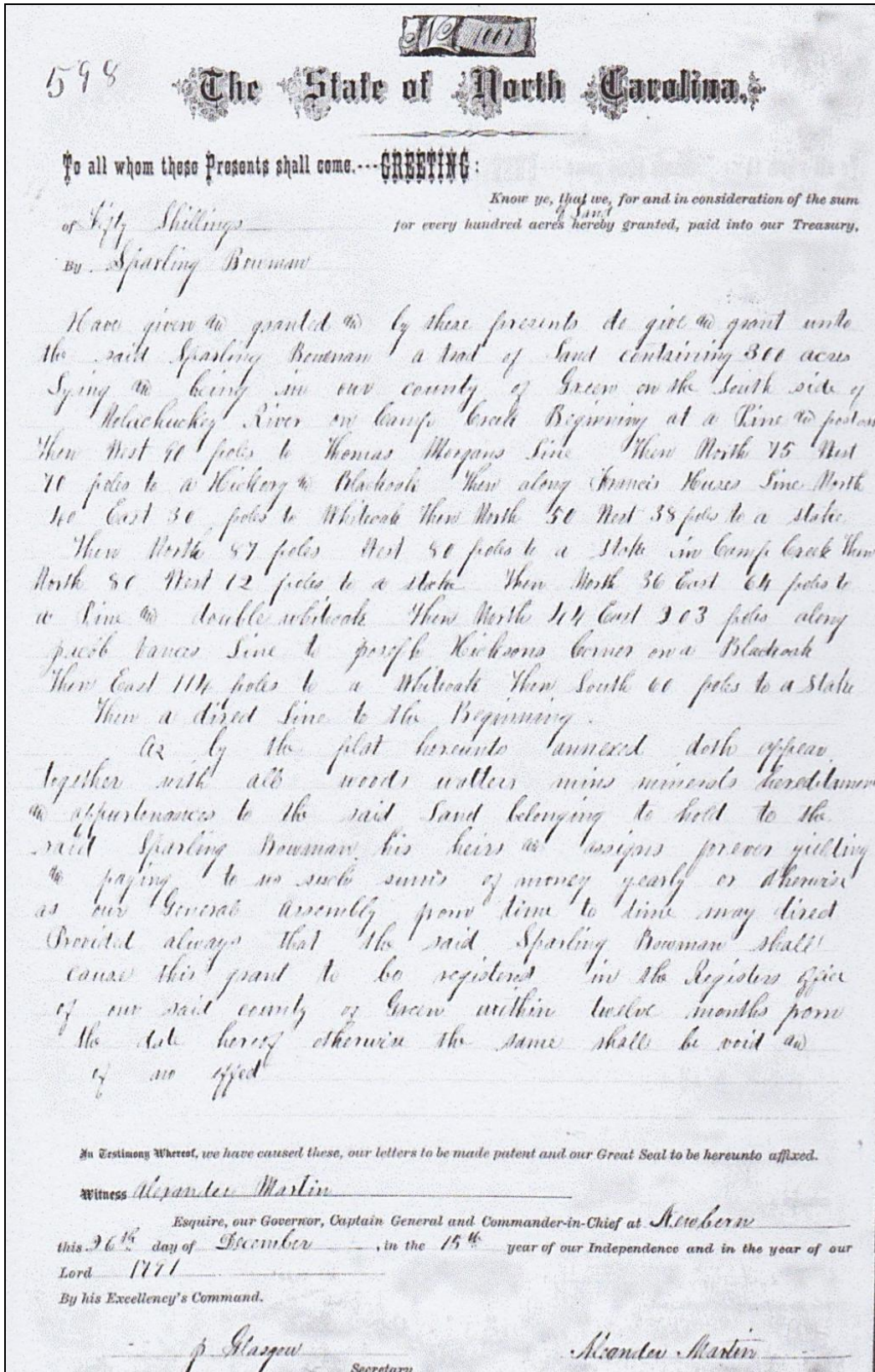


SPARLING BOWMAN

Among the earliest settlers in Greene County, Sparling Bowman signed the 1787 Petition to create a new State - The State of Franklin - to be formed from land then part of North Carolina. This area today is Greene County, Tennessee. Sparling lived an exceptionally long life for the times, and he is thought to be buried in Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery in today's Camp Creek area. His land originated with a North Carolina Land Grant for 311 acres on Camp Creek:





In the year 1829, Sparling made his application for Pension, based on his service in the Revolutionary War:

Md. Bowman Sparling S 3048

1829 1461

State of Tennessee  
Green County

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1828

I Sparling Bowman of the County of Green and State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in the regiment of the Maryland Line and I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1778 and I further declare that I was not on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1828 on the Pension list of the United States

*This document does not show the exact number of the regiment to which he belonged, nor the name of the Capt. of the Company.*

1829 This document has lost his papers which he would have transmitted  
 Leg. neg. subscribed  
 sworn to before me  
 this 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1839

Sparling <sup>his</sup> Bowman  
 on oath

Before me Robert Maloney a Justice of the Peace ~~of the County of Green~~ in the State of Tennessee personally appeared this day Sparling Bowman and Peter Harmon of the said County who did severally in his oath that Sparling Bowman by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed is generally reputed and believed to have been a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in manner



as therein stated & trusts my hand & Seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day 1829.

Signed

Spending Bowman  
Peter Harmon

Sworn to before me this  
6<sup>th</sup> day 1829 -

W. M. M. G. P. (J. P.)

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT,**

29 January 1829.

*Spending Bowman* of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of  
*Green* in the State of *Tennessee* has applied to the Secretary  
of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving  
officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he  
enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and  
continued until its termination, at which period he was a *Private* in captain  
's company, in the \_\_\_\_\_ regiment of the *Maryland*  
line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve  
of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the  
pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of  
March, 1828, *nothing*.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by  
the records in his office.

By order of the Secretary  
*J. A. Dickins*



State of Tennessee }  
Green County }

Before me John Hardin Esq. a Justice of the  
Peace in and for said County and State  
of Tennessee personally appeared this day  
Michael Eddleman <sup>and of 21. 1833</sup> who made oath that  
he knew Sperling Bowman who has applied  
for a Pension and that the said Sper-  
ling Bowman did enlist for and  
during the war and continued in  
its service till its termination that  
the said Bowman was a private in  
Cahoon Crockett's <sup>under General Johnston</sup> Company. and that  
he the said Bowman is a very old man  
in very infirm circumstances that  
the said Bowman did enlist from  
the State of Maryland -

Sworn to and subscribed

Michael Eddleman  
J. Eddleman

this 23<sup>d</sup> July 1833.

John Hardin  
Justice of the Peace

A 2nd application was file in 1832:



State of New Jersey Green County.

September Term 1832

On the fifth day of September 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Daniel Powell Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for Green County (Norsling) Bowman, Aged Eighty years, who being duly sworn according to Law oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. that in the year 1775 in July he was a Tenant of Washington <sup>Maryland</sup> ~~Virginia~~ and enlisted for one year in said County under Capt<sup>n</sup> Michael Cresper of the Tenth Company at Hagerstown. & was marched to Boston Massachusetts under the Command of General Putnam. & continued to serve under said officers until the expiration of his Term of Enlistment, with the exception of Capt<sup>n</sup> Cresper who died previous to the expiration of the Term of his enlistment. he states that he was discharged by Lieutenant Moses Rollins at Statten Island, that on his march from Hagerstown under Capt<sup>n</sup> Cresper to join Putnam at Boston, he passed through the districts thence Tauney Town, then to Lancaster, then to Reading then to Bethlehem, Hartford East Town, on North River & to Boston. That they had frequent bombardments from the British at Boston that being the Winter quarters of the army, & in the Spring moved on to New York, & remained there some weeks & was then removed to Statten Island where discharged. Has lost his discharge in the great lapse of time, & cannot now produce it







that Peter Harmon & George Meuse  
who have signed the foregoing certificate  
are resident citizens of said County are cred-  
ible persons & their certificate entitled to  
credit ...

at 10000 of the land  
County of the State of Tenn

James Jack - 3  
Elizabeth Lamey, citizens of Green County  
personally appeared in open Court & made oath  
that they personally acquainted with the  
foregoing declarant Sparling Bouman,  
resided in Hagerstown Maryland in the year  
1775. when said Bouman enlisted into the  
army under false <sup>Elizabeth</sup> name  
with the troops from Hagerstown, <sup>to</sup> knew of his  
being absent for about one year and at the  
expiration of the time saw him return  
home with the habitments of a soldier,  
& the universal understanding there was  
that said Bouman had been during the  
year in in the army. Elizabeth & Lamey  
Sworn to & subscribed  
in open Court this 5th  
day of September 1832

James Jack  
mask

W. Jones Clerk

State of Tennessee, J. Haberman, Clerk of the  
Green County Court of said County do  
certify that the foregoing contains the original  
proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the  
application of Sparling Bouman for a pension  
& that the affidavit of Elizabeth  
Lamey above, was sworn to & sub-  
scribed in open Court the day of the date  
thereof. In testimony whereof I have set  
my hand & seal of office this 11 Sept 1832

W. Jones Clerk By M. Payne



In 1927 a local descendant wrote a letter to inquire about his ancestor, Sparling Bowman, who had soldier in the American Revolution:

Rev. and 1812  
Wars Section.

May 33, 1927

C. G. Armitage  
Greeneville, P. O. Box 371  
Tenn

Sir:

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S. 3048, it appears that Sparling Bowman, while residing at Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, enlisted in 1775 and served one year in Captain Michael Gressap's Rifle Company, Maryland Troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 5, 1833, while a resident of Greene County, Tennessee, aged eighty years.

It is not stated whether soldier was married.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT  
Commissioner.



Ten years later, another inquiry was made:

October 20, 1937

Mr. Ray L. Bowman  
Cedar Creek Academy  
Greeneville, Tennessee

Sparling Bowman  
S. 3048  
BA-J/ANF

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Sparling Bowman.

The data furnished you herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S. 3048, based upon the service of Sparling Bowman in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of Sparling Bowman were not given, nor were the names of his parents shown.

While a resident of Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Sparling Bowman enlisted sometime in July, 1775, served as a private in Captain Michael Cresap's Rifle Company in the Maryland troops, marched to Boston, thence to New York, and was discharged on Staten Island, after a service of one year. He stated that he was in the service at the close of the war, but no details of this service were given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 5, 1833, at which time he was eighty years of age and living in Greene County, Tennessee.

It was not stated whether Sparling Bowman was ever married. One Sparling Bowman, Jr. was living in 1839 in Greene County, Tennessee, but it was not shown that he was related to the soldier, Sparling Bowman.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name and address of person paid, and possibly the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D. C., and furnish the following data:

Sparling Bowman  
Certificate # 4098  
Issued January 10, 1833  
Rate \$40.00 per annum  
Commenced March 4, 1831  
Act of June 7, 1832  
Tennessee Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator



In 1955, descendant Ray L. Bowman applied for a Military Headstone for his Revolutionary War Soldier:

*Not issued as Revolutionary* ORIGINAL

**APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER**  
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

<b>CHECK TYPE REQUIRED</b> (See Instructions attached) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)	ENLISTMENT DATE July 1775	SERIAL No. PENSION No. <i>file no. 23048</i> Certificate #4098	EMBLEM (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN <input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW <input type="checkbox"/> NONE
	DISCHARGE DATE July 1776	STATE Maryland	RANK private
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Bowman, Sparling		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION Capt. Michael Cresap's Rifle Company in the Maryland troops under Gen. Putnam at Boston.	
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) Approx 1752	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 1839	LOCATION (City and State) Rt. #9, Greeneville, Tennessee	
NAME OF CEMETERY Zion Mission United Pres. Church		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) Greeneville, Tennessee	
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) <i>Floyd R. Bowman</i> Floyd R. Bowman (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE Rt. #1, Afton, Tennessee	
<b>DO NOT WRITE HERE</b>		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense. <i>Ray L. Bowman</i> Ray L. Bowman APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	
FOR VERIFICATION ORDERED MAY 1 3 1955 GEORGIA MARBLE CO. STATE, GEORGIA B/L WY 3000443 SHIPPED 1 7 JUN 1955	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) 303 E. Marshall St., Falls Church, Va.		DATE OF APPLICATION 27 April 1955

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 IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side  
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*NGR 4/2/55* *NAS/MLP 5-24-55*



Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery