

JOHN BOWMAN

[John Bowman, a Revolutionary War Soldier, is shown in *First Families of Tennessee* as an early resident of Greene County (*Tennessee Ancestors, Volume 32/33*, a publication of East TN Historical Society). By 1830, he resided in Roane County where he died.

SERVICE	NUMBER
<i>Ta</i>	<i>Bowman, John No. 21</i>
	<i>Barsheba B.P. No. 40,510-160-55</i>
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*181982P*  
East Tennessee  
*John Bowman*  
of Roane Co in the State of Tennessee  
who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Shelton of the Regiment commanded  
by Colonel Stevens in the Virginia  
line, for the term of *three years*  
*John Racer*  
Inscribed on the Roll of East Tennessee  
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 28 of April 1803  
Certificate of Pension issued the 29 of May 1803  
and *sent to Pensioners*  
*Kingston, Tenn.*  
Arrears to 4th of  
Semi anl. all'cs ending *Dec 31 1803* \$ 33.86  
*4 7/8*  
*32 7/8*  
*1.56*  
33.86  
{ Revolutionary claim,  
Acts March 18, 1818,  
and May 1, 1820 }  
*March - 1.1823*



Fochee Cemetery Loudon County, TN

## Find-A-Grave Memorial

# John Bowman

<b>BIRTH</b>	1752 Amherst County, Virginia, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	25 May 1841 (aged 88–89) Roane County, Tennessee, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	Fooshee Cemetery Fochee, Loudon County, Tennessee, USA
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	58668122 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

Served as Pvt. with the Virginia 10th regiment under Captain Clough Shelton in the Revolutionary War. He fought battles in Pennsylvania and NY states and was captured by the British and held as POW in Philadelphia and NY state. He was released in an exchange of prisoners. Served with Washington at Valley Forge

Enlisted under Capt. Clough Shelton, Col. Stevens, General Scott's Brigade; battle of Germantown; from there to winter quarters at Valley Forge; from there was sent to the small village Penny Packd; in scrimmage with the British he and 14 others were taken prisoner of war; by way of Philadelphia to New York. He was prisoner when battle happened at Monmouth; rejoined regiment at Brunswick and was at battle of Stoney Point. He continued as a private soldier for three years. At the age of 70 he was allowed a pension and after his death, his widow, Barsheba, was allowed his pension. She died Oct. 6, 1860.

(information provided by DAR applicant Mary Bowman)



Pension Application of John Bowman W21  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee } April Sessions 1823  
Roane County Court }

The following declaration and documents were made in open court and ordered to be recorded (towit) "State of Tennessee Morgan County personally came John Bowman and in open Court doth solemnly swear that he is seventy years of age and was born and raised in the State of Virginia Amherst County and to the best of his recollection in the month of March 1777 enlisted under Capt Cluff Shelton [sic: Clough Shelton] and shortly after joined the tenth Virginia Regiment at Philadelphia commanded by Colonel Ed. Stevens [Edward Stevens] Gen'l [Charles] Scott's Brigade. Was in the battle of German town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] in Pennsylvania and from thence to winter quarters at Valley Forge [sic: Valley Forge] and from thence was sent on duty to a small village call'd Penny Pack'd. [?] and in a scrimmage with the British him self and fourteen others was taken prisoners of war and was carried to Philadelphia from thence to New York and was a prisoner of war when the battle happened at Monmouth in New Jersey [28 Jun 1778] shortly after was exchanged and joined my Regiment at Brunswick'd. [sic: Brunswick NJ] and was at the battle of Stony Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and continued a private soldier in said Capt Shelton's company and tenth Virginia Regiment for the term of three years and was then discharged at Burlington which discharge was assigned by James Delard Lieut, Cluff Shelton Capt. and Ed. Stevens Colo. His discharge is lost and has no other evidence in his power to prove his services but his own oath. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support 21<sup>st</sup> October 1822 Sworn & subscribed in open court  
John his Xmark Bowman  
Schedule

State of Tennessee Morgan County On this 21<sup>st</sup> October 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record having the power of fine & imprisonment and also having been made a Court of Record by the laws of said State for s'd. County John Bowman aged seventy years resident of the County of Roane and state of Tennessee who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war – that is he served the United States three years on the continental establishment as a private soldier in the tenth Virginia Regiment That he has received no pension certificate that his original declaration was dated as he thinks September about the 12th 1818 from which he has received no answer

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Names of my family My wife Barsheba aged about 60 years Daughter Sally d[itt]o, do 24 do Son Lewis do do 19 do myself John Bowman do do 70 years

Schedule of my property	1 Mare	\$40.00
	1 Sow	2.00
Household & kitchen furniture		15.00
working tools		<u>3.50</u>
		\$60.50

I am indebted to no man nor no man to me

NOTE: On 2 Oct 1843 Barsheba Bowman, about 70, applied for a pension stating that she married John Bowman in 1785, and he died on 25 May 1841. Her declaration was certified by Samuel Bowman and Lewis Bowman. On 20 Jan 1849 Barsheba Bowman's age was said to be about 80, and on an application for bounty land dated 20 Feb 1856, Barsheba Bowman was said to be about 90 years old. Another document states that her maiden name was Barsheba Hooper.

[*First Families of Tennessee* gives Barsheba's maiden name as Hooker.]



WILL OF JOHN BOWMAN  
[ probated in Roane County]

JOHN BOWMAN, July Term 1841. I John Bowman of the County of Roane and State of Tennessee do make and Publish as my last Will and Testament Hereby Revoking and making void all other wills at any time made. First I Direct that my Funeral Expenses Be Paid of any money that I may be ceased of at my Death. Secondly. I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved wife my undivided Interest in the Tract of Land that I now Live on the Title of which is In my son Samuel. I Direct that He make a Title to His mother During Her natural Life and after Death I Direct that It be sold and the money Equally Divided with all of my Lawful Heirs. I further Direct and Give and Bequeath unto my afore said wife all of my House Hold and kitchen Furniture and one cow and calf and one Horse Beast and seven Head of Hogs. Thirdly I Direct that all the Balance of my Property be sold to the Highest Bidder for money on such Terms as my Executor may agree upon after Decease and the money with all other moneys Debts and Dues that I am or may be ceased of at Decease Be Equally Divided Betweel all

P 232, my Lawful Heirs Each one accounting for all that they Have Heretofore Received. I Direct that the Heirs of my Daughter Sally To wit: Eliza Simpson and Lewis Grinnet have Her Portion which an Equal shaire with the other Heirs Equally Divided Between them. Eliza to have and Be Paid at the time the others and Lewis Grinnet to be loned at Interest until He Is of age. Lastly I do Hereby nominate and appoint Lewis Bowman and Abram Gelyon my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my Hand and seal this the third Day of May 1841.

John Bowman (Seal)  
( X His Mark.)

P 233, Signed Sealed and Published in our presents and we Have subonibed our named Hereto In the Presants of the Testator this the third day of May 1841.

\$1.50 pd.

John C. Julian  
Meridith Sharp.

State of Tennessee Roane County. County Court. July Term 1841. Then was the foregoing Last Will and Testament of John Bowman Deceased Produced in Open Court and the Execution and Declaration thereof Duly Proved by the Oath of John C. Julian and Meridith Sharp The subscribing witnesses Thereto and admitted to Record and Ordered to be certified and Recorded. Witness my Hand at office In Kingston this 5th day of July 1841.

Austin L. Greene Clk.


WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR BOUNTY LAND:



State of Tennessee,  
County of Roane. } p.

On this 20th day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Bersheba Bowman, aged about 90 years, an resident of said County and State, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of John Bowman deceased, who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain C. Skilton of the Tenth Regiment of Virginia Regulars in the Revolutionary War; and that her said husband was a pensioner at the time of his decease, and for the proof of service she refers to the Records of the Pension Office, that she herself has also been a pensioner since her said husband's death, and the proof of her marriage and identity is on file in the Pension Office, to which she refers for particular and details.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under "Act approved March 3rd, 1855;" she never having applied for Bounty Land under any other act (previously), and that she is <sup>now</sup> ~~not~~ a Divisor.

Bersheba <sup>her</sup> Bowman   
mark

We M. J. Parker and S. G. Owens residents of Roane County in the State of Tennessee, upon our oath declare that the foregoing declaration was acknowledged and signed by Mrs. Bersheba Bowman in our presence; and that we are personally acquainted with the applicant, and know her to be the identical person she represents herself to be, and <sup>we</sup> M. J. Parker that we have no interest in the claim } S. G. Owens.



May 9, 1888.

J. A. Walker  
Wallins Creek - Box 47  
Kentucky.

RA-J/ILL  
John Bowman  
V. A.  
John Walker  
R. 11048

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter requesting the records of Revolutionary War soldiers, John Bowman and John Walker, both pensioners of Roane County, Tennessee.

The records of these soldiers are given below; the data furnished regarding each is found in the papers on file in their respective claims for pension, based upon their military service in the Revolutionary War.

JOHN BOWMAN-V. A.

John Bowman was born and reared in Amherst County, Virginia; the date of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted sometime in March, 1777, served as private in Captain Clough Shelton's company, Colonel Edward Steven's 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment, marched to Philadelphia, was in the battle of Germantown, wintered at Valley Forge, and, while on duty near "Passy Park", was in an encounter with the British, was taken prisoner, carried to New York and held until after the battle of Monmouth, when he was exchanged, joined his regiment and continued until the expiration of service of three years.

The soldier emigrated from Amherst County, Virginia, about the year 1791 to Tennessee.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 21, 1822; he was then seventy years of age, and resided in Roane County, Tennessee.

He died March 25, 1841 in said Roane County.

The soldier married in the year 1785, Barbara Hooper; the date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown. They lived



in Amherst County, Virginia, before moving to Tennessee.

Barsteba Bowman, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed October 2, 1843, at which time she resided in Roane County, Tennessee; she was living in that county in 1856. She was born sometime between 1762 and 1773 according to the various statements in regard to her age.

The soldier and his wife, Barsteba, had children; the first, a son whose name is not stated, was about twenty years of age in 1808; Sally was twenty-four years of age in 1822, and Lewis was then nineteen years old.

In 1843, Samuel and Lewis Bowman made affidavits in behalf of the soldier's widow, Barsteba, in Roane County, Tennessee; no relationship to the family was stated and there is no further information relative to them in the papers in this claim.