

Pension Application for Matthias Bowden or Matthew Bolton or Boton

W.258 (Widow: Martha) Married April 22, 1784 at Hanover, County of Morris, N.J. by Rev'd Jacob Green, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hanover. Matthew died November 29, 1820 in township of Caldwell, Essex County, New Jersey.

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District of New Jersey SS.

On this twenty seventh day of April AD 1818 before me the subscriber district Judge of the United States in and for the said district personally appears Matthew Bowden aged sixty eight years resident in Caldwell in the County of Essex in the said district 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 he the said Matthew Bowden enlisted in Cherry Valley in the State of New York in the month of December 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Robert McKeen in the first New York Regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaick and Lieutenant Colonel VanDyk on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the 8th day of June 1783 when he was regularly discharged from service at Newburgh in the State of New York.

That he was at the capture of General Burgoine at Saratoga that he was in the battle of Monmouth in several partial engagements near Kingsbridge in the State of New York and at the siege & capture of General Cornwallis at York in Virginia.

That he has a written discharge which is annexed, that in his discharge he is called by the name of Bolton by mistake his true name being Bowden 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 now in his power of his said services. (Signed with his mark) Matthew Bowden

Sworn to & declared before me the day and year aforesaid. William Bennington, District Judge.

I certify that Matthew Bowden whose name is mentioned in a discharge dated 8 June 1783 as Matthew Bolton is the same man who served in my Company of Light Infantry first New York Regiment in the Revolutionary War and that his name was always mustered as Matthew Bolton & is justly entitled to the compensation allowed by Congress at their last session to indigent soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

New York 17 Augt 1818. Leon Bleecker late Capt Light Infantry 1st New York Regiment Revolutionary Army.