

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Howell R20385

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I Thomas Howell of the County of Camden in the State of Georgia 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 Captain John Moore's Company in the ___ Regiment of the South Carolina line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Camden County

S/ Thomas Howell X his mark

Sworn to before me July 9th 1828

S/ R Brown, JP

Georgia Camden County

Personally appeared before me Charles H B Collins one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, Kinchen Holloman¹ who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he knew Thomas Howell a Regular Enlisted Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, and in the Service of the United States in Charleston South Carolina in the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to before me this 1st of September 1829 [could be 1827]

S/ Charles HB Collins, JP

S/ Kinchen Holloman, X his mark

Georgia Camden County

Before me Rigdon Brown a justice of the peace personally came Lewis Bailey who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he has known Thomas Howell from childhood and that he served with him in the Continental Army during the war & that they were discharged at the same time.

Sworn to before me this 17th of June 1829

S/ R. Brown, JP

S/ Lewis Bailey, X his mark

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To the Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I enlisted at the commencement of the war in Captain John Moore's company at Black Swamp South Carolina we were marched from there under the command of General Lincoln to Stono South Carolina after remaining encamped about a week 7 miles from Stono we went down to Stono and engage the enemy but were compelled to withdraw again to our encampment. Soon after this the enemy evacuated the place, and my company were marched to Savannah Georgia but I being sick with the yellow fever was let [left] at the camps with the sick and wounded under the care of four surgeons whose names I can't at this distance of time recollect. After I recovered which was 2 or 3 months after which I learned that Captain Moore was at Charleston to which place I repaired and again entered the ranks our next march was to Augusta Georgia after remaining say 2 months we returned to Charleston. I do not recollect I [sic, how] long I remained in Charleston. Our next march was to Santee where we remained only long enough to recover from the fatigue of marching when we were ordered to proceed to Camden where we again encountered the British. My company were then marched down the Santee to the Eutaw. I was left at Camden to bury the dead and did not come up with any company until about 2 weeks after the Battle of Eutaw after this nothing of consequence occurred we were marched towards Charleston where at the close of the war I was discharged. In returning to my home which was on Tar River Edgecombe County North Carolina when about 15 miles of Camden I was overtaken by a party of Tories, 25 or 30 in number after stripping me of the little money that I had my knife, certificate and discharge they erected a gallows upon which they said they intended the next hanging the hanging myself and two others that they had with them when they overtook me. At night I untied the rope with my teeth and made my escape, the other 2 prisoners I learned were hung upon the gallows which had been erected.

I do not believe that a any[sic] soldier who served in Moore's company except myself is in existence if there are any on the pension list and the evidence which I herewith transmit is not considered sufficient together with that afforded by the public records at Washington and you will do me the favor to inform me of it together with his name and place of Residence I will endeavor to procure further proof. If General Butler of South Carolina is alive he can swear that we went together to the camp at Black Swamp and that I enlisted he would not enlist and only remained with us about 3 months – he raised a company of militia of which he became the commander after which we of course were separated. To this statement I am ready at any time to subscribe my oath should it be deemed necessary.

Witness

S/ Noble G. Hardee

S/ Thomas Howell, X his mark