

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Howard R5273

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Kentucky, Harlin [Harlan] County & Circuit to wit

On the 12th of July 1837 before the Honorable Joseph Eve Judge of the 15 Judicial District in open Court, Benjamin Howard, aged between sixty and sixty-one, a resident Citizen of Harlan County Kentucky upon his oath according to law made and subscribed for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832 for the benefit of the Officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War, Spies &c That on the ___ day of ___, the year forgotten, in Russell County State of Virginia he enlisted as a private for nine months under Captain Hawkins, Andrew Colvin was Lieutenant or Ensign which he does not remember, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Andrew Lewis, his Major forgotten, the Regiment was raised by the State of Virginia to guard the frontiers of said State against the Indians: After his enlistment he was detached under Colvin aforesaid to Cumberland Gap, where he was stationed at a block house to guard the movers ajst. [sic, against?] ¹ the Indians & frontiers. While there three men were killed on Cannon Creek, he under Colvin pursued them to Hickory Gap on Emerys River, but did not overtake them. They buried the dead under the command of Colvin. Near the close of his term aforesaid Colvin marched back to Russell County aforesaid & his term of service aforesaid having expired he received a written discharge which he has long since lost – he got his discharge from Colonel Lewis aforesaid – in Russell County aforesaid – Previous to this he served by the command of the Officers of Russell County as a private soldier in forts in Russell County in actual service in two forts upwards of a year. The forts were Blackmore's and Panetton's [?]² fort in Russell. He was in service when Blackmore's Fort was taken: In this service in standing guard he enlisted for no particular period, but the service he performed was commanded by the head officer of the County as he understood by the authority of the State of Virginia – he was to receive from the State so much per month, a part only he received – he served under divers officers in the forts and on scouting parties, Hawkins was commander mostly until he enlisted as aforesaid – For this service he never received any written discharges. He has stated his age. He states his name is not on the pension roll of any state, or the United States; that he never received anything whatever for his services under the Act of Congress aforesaid, nor from any state, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the

¹ *Andrew Colvin*

² *Panetton's*

present. His name he supposes can be found on the roll of said Regiment, but he refers to the evidence of Colvin aforesaid. In the same Company & Regiment he had three other Brothers, Thomas, James & John – James & Thomas lives in Floyd County Kentucky, who draw pensions for said service as he is informed, enlisted at the same time & for the same term of time. The reason why he has not applied sooner for a Pension is that he has always been informed the Act of Congress aforesaid did not apply to his case.

S/ Benj. Howard, X his mark

[General George Brittain and John G Crump gave a supporting affidavit as to the age and reputation of the applicant.]

State of Kentucky Rockcastle County

This day Andrew Colvin a citizen of the County aforesaid aged seventy, the 12 of last March. He remembers there was a young man under his Command by the name of Benjamin Howard, and from the correct narrative given by him at Cumberland Gap he thinks he must have been with him. Howard is mistaken in this in saying that Lewis was a Colonel, he was only Captain, Commandant and had the command of all the troops in that section. It is a mistake that he was under Hawkins, but was under Captain Lewis. Hawkins was a Lieutenant under Lewis, but afterwards made Captain.

S/ Andw Colvin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Colvin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.