

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Howlitt R5304

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State of Indiana } On this 30th day of September AD 1851 before me the undersigned a
Ripley County } justice of the Peace in and for said county duly authorized by law to
administer Oaths, personally appeared Elizabeth Howlitt aged fifty five years a resident of Ripley
County Ind'a who being first duly sworn makes the following declaration in order to obtain a
pension on account of the services of her late husband. That she is unable from sickness and
debility to appear in open court and that she is the widow of the identical William Howlitt who
volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Threadgill [pension application
S46345] and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Threadgill his brother during the
Revolutionary war. That he joined the company above named at Wadesboro in Anson County
North Carolina as a private and that his father Thomas Howlitt was also in the same company,
and that her husband served Nine months, being employed along the line of the Great Pee
river [sic: Great Pee Dee River] in South Carolina in various skirmishes with the tories and British
and that after faithfully served nine months, he was discharged by his Captain Thomas
Threadgill, and that said discharge was destroyed by a fire which consumed his brothers house
in Anson County North Carolina where he then resided. And further that there is no one now
living by whom she can prove her husbands services, and that her own memory of dates and
events has greatly failed by reason of sickness and trouble in her family. And further that her
name before marriage with the said William Howlitt was Elizabeth Vanzant, and that she was
married to him in Dearborn County Indiana in the year 1813 by Joel DeCoursy, and that her
husband William Howlitt died in Ripley County Ind'a on the 13th June 1843, and was in his eighty
fourth year when he died. That she trusts to the records of the War Department to corroborate
her statement as to her husbands services, and that he never applied for a Pension, in his life
time though often requested so to do by his old acquaintances who was acquainted with his
military services and that she hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the
present and that her name or the name of her husband is not on the pension Agency of this or
any other State, and that she has never since been married.

Elizabeth herXmark Howlitt