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Pension Application of Daniel Howel (Howell) S13413

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Virginia Floyd County

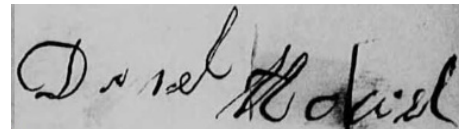
On this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1832 Personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Superior court of Law and Chancery in open court Daniel Howell Sen'r a resident of said county of Floyd and state aforesaid aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he Entered the service of the united states for his first tower under the command of Capt Walter Crockett and Ewl Christian or Christy in a tower of five or six month's as well as remembered against the Indians. The Cherokee nation) in the state of Tennessee the ridgmt was a Virginia Malitia Redgmt. The second tower was for three or four months against the same Indians under the command of Capt. Harstone [sic: Hairston] and Colo [Joseph] Martin of the Virginia malitia. The year is not recollected but the applicant was at the treaty made with the Cherokee Indians at the Long Islands of Holston [20 Jun 1777] by Colo Christy and Colo Thomas Madison. He was on another tower of thirty days as a ranger under Capt Joshua Wilson and Lieutenant Wm Hungate [William Hungate] and he received his discharge June 27<sup>th</sup> 1778, which is herewith sent from his said Lieutenant. The last tower was for one month under Colo Walter Crockett and Capt [Samuel] Eason in a redjmt of Virginia Malitia he marched to the state of North Carolina and was at a skirmish at the Reedy Fork of haw river [skirmish at Wetzel's Mill, 6 Mar 1781] a few days before the battle of Gilford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar] and he with Capt Eason & and Lieutenant [Thomas] Goodson returned in a few days to Virginia having been discharged he had a discharge for all his towers but has lost all but the one enclosed. All the foregoing towers were performed by him while he resided within the county of Floyd as it is now [since 1831] but was Botetourt County then and subsequently Montgomery [after 1776].

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or anuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension role of any agent in any state or territory whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

Major Goodson

Wm Goodson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Howell Sr.", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

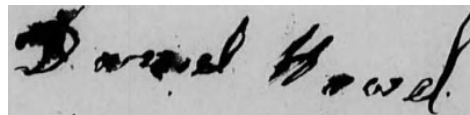
[Thomas Goodson, Sr. (pension application S6901) and William Goodson made supporting statements.]

This is to certify that Howel Daniel served 30 days In the Militia Sarvice under the Comand of Wm. Hungate June 25<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Virginia to wit

This day Daniel Howell Sr personally appeared in open court being a court of record for Floyd County and made the following declaration on oath in order to amend his previous declaration made in said court on the 21 of September, 1832 which has been returned. He declares that the first two towers was from the year 1776 to 1777 & [illegible word] as they were before the third tower which expired as stated in declaration in June 1778. The first tower was for four months certainly and is all that he claims for his memory by the lapse of time is defective he therefore stated it before doubtingly as to time (saying five or six) The second tower he knows was for three month's this is all he claims for he had before

thought it more. the other towers he spesifically stated as to time. There is no clergyman in the neighbourhood and of course none who can make the necessary affidavit. There is no person by whom he can now prove any of his towers other than that proved by Thomas Goodson in his certificate on the former declaration. The said applicant cannot by reason of old age & loss of memory state precisely the times of his service as to their duration but the above statement is correct to the best of his recollection. Sworn to in open court this 18 of March 1833.



State of Virginia. Floyd County to wit

This day Daniel Howell Sen'r. personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, to wit the County Court of the County aforesaid, & made the following declaration as a further amendment to his declaration made in said Court on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1832 which has been again returned for further amendment.

In answer to the 4<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory contained in the "Brief Objections to the admission of pension Claims" sent from the War Department with his said previous declaration, this Declarant says that his first tour of service was that made under Captain Joshua Wilson of one month, for which the certificate of service annexed to the papers heretofore sent to the said Department & now remaining with them was given to him. By that certificate it appears that the said tour was performed at an early period of the war, to wit, in the summer of 1778.

His second tour of service was within one year after his first. The Declarant by reason of his great age & lapse of time cannot recollect more particularly than to say that it was the Cherokee expedition, & that he thinks he left home the August following the June in which he received the said certificate. From this expedition he returned early in the winter, & to the best of his belief it was in the following summer that he went on his third expedition. After this action he had what was then thought a long rest & his fourth & last tour was during the anxious period at the South & was completed just before the battle at Guildford Court House in North Carolina. The Declarant thinks that he heard of that important battle on his way home. When it occurred is a matter of history. he believes it was in 1781. This Declarant fears that there may be an error in regard to the relative time of the tour of service just mentioned in the amended declaration. It is possible that it was not his first but his third tour of service, but he hopes that in either case he has now sufficiently designated the periods of his service.

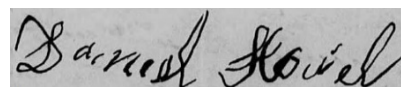
In answer to the 5<sup>th</sup> Question in the same brief he says that he never served in any other grade than that of a private, & that he served at least nine months, & claims for no more.

In answer to "the seven Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department" not heretofore sufficiently answered, he says in answer to

No. 1. That he was born in the County of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1759 – to

No. 2. The only written record of his age that he knows of was in his mother's Psalm Book, which was long ago lost.

To No. 3. When called into service, he was residing in the neighborhood of his present residence. Soon, or not very long after the revolution, he removed (not out of his present neighborhood, however) into the adjoining County of Patrick where he remained about five years. Then he returned into the County where he now resides, to wit Floyd, in which under different names he has remained ever since. to No. 4 He was drafted on the Cherokee expedition & volunteered in all the rest of his tours of service. Sworn to in open Court this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833.



At a Court of Quarterly Session holden for Floyd County at the Court house the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1836 –

On motion of Frances Howell widow of Daniel Howell deceased It is ordered that the following facts be certified to the War Department: they having been proved to the satisfaction of the Court Viz: That the said Daniel Howell who was a pensioner of the United States, departed this life Intestate on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1836. That in his life time he intermarried with the said Frances Howell and left her a widow. The said Frances is still alive

A Copy Teste/ M. Sandifur D.C.  
for W. Goodson Clerk Floyd C.C.