

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Howe S13422

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State of Kentucky, Fleming County Sct.) David Howe

On this 3rd day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court this County Court of Fleming now sitting David Howe a resident of Kentucky and the County of Fleming aged Eighty-Five 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That in the month of October 1778 he volunteered as a dragoon soldier in the County of York & State of South Carolina & furnished his own horse in the company of Dragoons commanded by Captain Hawthorn [James Hawthorn] & the Regiment of Colonel Neal [sic, Thomas Neel] and was marched through South Carolina to the State of Georgia and continued in the said service being kept in the State of Georgia & South Carolina until the month of March 1779 when he was permitted to return home to York County and was dismissed from service by Captain Hawthorn & remained at home for about 10 days, when at the solicitation of Colonel Sumter (afterwards General Sumter) [Thomas Sumter] he again volunteered as a militia soldier. Joined the company of Infantry commanded by Captain Hawthorn and the Regiment of Colonel Sumter and participated in the following Battles: in the Battle in June or July 1779¹ fought on the Catawba River commanded by Colonel Sumter and shortly afterwards participated in the battle fought at a place called Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]² – Colonel Sumter commanded & shortly afterwards in the battle fought at Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780]³ (Colonel Sumter commanded) in which Battle Colonel Wade Hampton was wounded, he states that he was not in any battle of consequence for some time almost daily engaged in skirmishes with the British & Tories until the Battle at the mouth of Fishing Creek [August 18, 1780]⁴ on the Catawba River. Sumter commanded and was defeated; the next General battle he was in was in the fall 1780 on Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]⁵ in North Carolina. Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] commanded (he Howe was commanded by Captain Hawthorn commanded the S. Carolina Militia) after the Battle at Kings Mountain he was marched to South Carolina and was kept guarding the Country laying between York County South Carolina and the city of Charleston, until the month of November 1781 when he states he was dismissed by Colonel Hawthorn, former Captain, in the County of York South Carolina until further orders, and was

¹ The events described by the veteran occurred in 1780, not 1779.

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

not again called on; having served in the South Carolina militia as before stated from October 1778 to November 1781 only being permitted to return home some three or four times and in no instance remained at home longer than two days at any one time except after his first tour as before stated.⁶ He states that he was born on the eighth of March 1747 in the County of Cumberland Pennsylvania & removed to York County South Carolina with his father in 1772. That he has a record of his age now in his possession set down in his family Bible which was taken from his father's Bible his birth having been written by his father. After quitting the service in 1781 he resided in York County South Carolina until the fall 1792 when he removed to Kentucky & has resided in the State ever since & for the last 36 years past in the County of Fleming his present place of residence. He never did receive a written discharge. He states he is well known to Benjamin Northcott, a clergyman in his neighborhood & to Seth Bates his neighbor & many others. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service; He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ David Howe, X his mark

[Benjamin Northcott, a clergyman, and Seth Bates gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$83.33 commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to David Howe pp 7
Audited Account No. 3803

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[No. 438 Book Y]

David Howe his Account of 57 days duty in the foot under command of Colonel Thomas Neel in 1778 at 10/[10 shillings old South Carolina currency] per day

is Currency £28.10

Amt. Stg. [Sterling] £4.1.5

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

⁶ Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

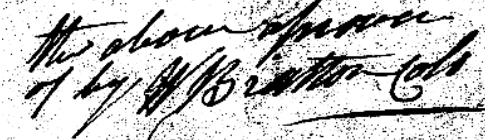
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State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to David Howell
1778 December To fifty seven days service on foot
under Command of Colonel Thomas Neel
in Georgia at 10 S per day 17 Dollars =
\$57.10/is Currency £28.10
4.1.5

David Howe appeared before me and made oath that the above account is just and true and that
he never received any part of the same. Sworn before me
June ye 2nd ye 1785
S/ Joseph Howe, JP S/ David Howe

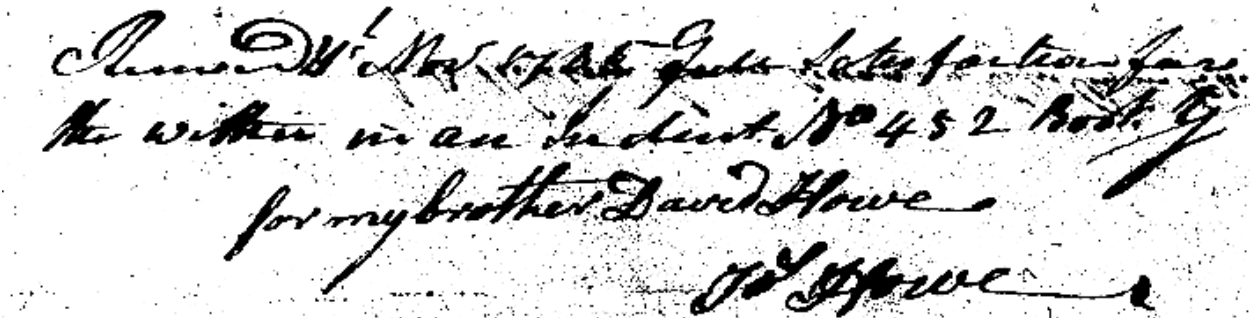
Handwritten signatures of Joseph Howe, JP and David Howe. The signature of Joseph Howe, JP is on the left, and the signature of David Howe is on the right.

the above aprovd [approved]
of by W. Bratton Col. [William Bratton]

Handwritten signature of William Bratton Col.

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Received 11th Nov. 1784 [???] Full satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 452 Book Y for
my brother David Howe
S/ Jos Howe

Handwritten signature of Jos Howe, which reads: "I have received full satisfaction for the within in an indent No 452 Book Y for my brother David Howe" followed by the signature "Jos Howe".