

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Howerton S15469

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State of Kentucky County of Morgan: SS

On this __ day of __ 1834 personally appeared in Court before the Morgan County Court now sitting William Howerton a resident of Morgan County and State of Kentucky aged 75 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.

He states he entered the Service of the United States the first of September 1776 under the command of Captain Gilbert Christy [Gilbert Christian] – Major Evan Shelby, Colonel William Christy [William Christian] and volunteered under a call of the County Colonel, I joined the Army at Long Islands on Holston River in Washington County State of Virginia. We were marched from there to the Cherokee Towns on the Tennessee River where we remained some time. We were marched back to Long Islands where we was stationed some 2 or 3 weeks and was discharged by our Captain on the first day of January 1777. I then lived in Washington County Virginia.

He states he entered the Service of the United States a second time between the 1st & 15th of June 1777 as a volunteer under the command of Captain John Looney, Colonel A. Cambell [Arthur Campbell]. He joined the Army at Long Islands on Holston River Washington County Virginia was then marched to the Cherokee Towns on the Tennessee River where we were stationed for some time we was then marched back to Long Island where we was stationed until between the 10th & 20th November

[Note: The above page is missing from the Fold3.com version but now does appear in the HeritageQuest.com version. The following transcript was made from the Fold3.com version.]
....November 1777 & was then discharged when I returned home living in Washington County Virginia

He states that he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in May 1779 under the command of Captain A. Bowen who was a Captain of the Spies or Rangers on the Frontier of Virginia I joined him in Montgomery County Virginia and served with him as a Spy or Ranger on the Frontiers for two months and was discharged I then lived in Montgomery County Virginia.

He states that he again joined the Army of the United States between the first and 10th of August 1780 under the command of Captain Abram Trigg [Abram or Abraham Trigg] a volunteer Joseph Cloyd was Major, we was Rendezvoused at Chisels Iron Mines [Chiswell's

mines] on New River and was immediately marched to within 20 miles of Kings Mountain we was then marched to the Shallow Ford of the Adkin River [Yadkin River] in the State of North Carolina where we had a battle [October 14, 1780] with a party of Tories who were repulsed we Continued there about a week & was then marched home to Montgomery County & discharged the last of October 1780.

I again joined the Army of the United States as a volunteer on the first of January 1781 under the command of Captain James Burns Colonel William Preston, Major Joseph Cloyd. I joined the Army in Montgomery County Virginia was immediately marched to Harbards Ferry on New River where we were stationed one week thence we marched to Surry Courthouse North Carolina thence to the Moravian Towns thence to Guilford Court house North Carolina where I was stationed about Ten Days as a scout. We was then attached to the Army of Pickens [Andrew Pickens of South Carolina] & Remained under the Command of General Pickens until the last of May when I was discharged from the Command of General Pickens and was marched back home to Montgomery County Virginia & was discharged in [indecipherable word]¹ by my Captain James Burns. I lived in Washington County Virginia when first entered the Service in the year 1778 I removed to Montgomery County Virginia where I lived until the year 1810 when I removed to Floyd County Kentucky & I now reside in Morgan County Kentucky where I have lived for Ten or Twelve years.

I have no documentary evidence I know of no person whose Testimony I can procure who can Testify to my Services except John Day who statement is here with presented –

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.

S/ William Howerton, X his mark

[Joseph Nickell, a clergyman, and John Henry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The deposition of John Day² a resident of Morgan County State of Kentucky aged 73 years who is a revolutionary pensioner who after being first duly sworn deposeseth & saith that he is well acquainted with William Howerton of said County who is an applicant for a pension. He states that he has been acquainted with him ever since the Revolutionary War & for some time before.

He states that the said William Howerton was at the battle of the Shallow Ford of the Adkin River North Carolina in the year 1780 under the command of Captain Abraham Trigg – Major Joseph Cloyd, this Deponent being in the same battle.

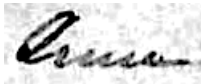
Given under my hand & seal this 6th day of January 1834

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ John S Oakley, JP MC

S/ John Day, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 6 months in the Virginia service.]



¹
² [John Day \(Daye\) W3006](#)