

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Howard S20406

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South Carolina

Union District } Personally appeared before me James Howard who deposeseth & saith that he this Deponent is in the Seventieth year of his age, that he was born in Virginia that he resided there until the eighteenth year of his age & at that age he served a tour of duty under General Nelson [Thomas Nelson], Colonel F. Maclin [Fredrick McLin, also spelled Frederick Maclin of Brunswick County, VA] & Captain John McLin and in my eighteenth or nineteenth year I removed to South Carolina & under then Captain Joseph McJunkin I served a tour of duty against the Indians at Jimison's Fort [sic, Jamieson's Fort]. In the 20th year of my age I served a tour of duty at the ten Miles Springs near Charleston under Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon] James Steen Lieutenant Colonel Captain William Young's Company commanded by Lieutenant Bishop [Edmond Bishop]. Again I served another tour of duty at Orangeburg in the same Company under Lieutenant Buges [?]¹ again I served another tour at Bacon's Bridge in the same company then commanded by Lieutenant Addington [probably Lt. William Addington] near Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Camp = I also went another tour under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] against the Indians under Lieutenant Buges I also was at the siege of Ninety Six & retreated under General Green. I was also at the four holes under General Winn [probably then Col. Richard Winn] & Captain John Watts. And this deponent further saith that from his age and infirmity he is unable to make a livelihood from manual labor that his family at this time consist of three daughters & a grandson one daughter [has] been a cripple nine years that the schedule hereunto annexed contains all his property that he has not made way with in order to bring himself within the provisions of the Act of the Assembly and this deponent further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th September 1830

S/ J. Rodgers, QU

S/ Jas. Howard, X his mark

4 head of cattle	\$35.00
13 head of hogs	39.00
8 head sheep	12.00
5 Bee stands	5.00
2 Dutch Ovens	3.00
3 feather beds & furniture	36.00

¹ Perhaps a reference to Lt. Richard Burgess of Capt. William Young's Company in Col. Thomas Brandon's Regiment.

2 axes, 2 shovels pons [?]	3.50
1 Cowtonge ?	.37 ½
1 weeding hoe	.25
1 mattox 37 ½ cents	.37 ½
I Iron wedge	.50
1 chisel & 5 shovels	.75
½ doz. plates & knives & forks	.75
1 pad lock	.75
1 Jar & milk pail	.50
1 pail 2 piggins & table	1.25
1 bells \$.75 1 Handsaw 75	1.50

South Carolina Spartanburg District: Personally came John O'Shields² and declared on oath that James Howard did render service to the State of South Carolina in Colonel Brandon's Regiment at the ten mile Spring; a tour of six months against the common enemy. Sworn to this 11th of October A.D. 1830

S/John O'Shields, X his mark

South Carolina Union District: Isaac Barnett came personally before me who deposeh & saith that at or near the close of the Revolutionary War he this deponent did serve a tour of duty in the State of South Carolina against the Cherokee Indians with Mr. James Howard and this deponent further saith that from the knowledge he has of Mr. James Howard he believes he was a faithful soldier & a true friend to his Country.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10 November 1830

S/ J. Rodgers, QU

S/ Isaac Barnett, B his mark

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State of South Carolina

Union District } Maj. Joseph McJunkin³ came personally before me who deposeh & saith that he was acquainted with Mr. James Howard the now applicant in the year 1779 & commanded a company in this State against the common enemy & that Mr. James Howard was then attached to the same and in the same year he was ordered on a tour of duty to Round O but orders met us & we was halted at Bacons Bridge where we remained until further orders & at which place we was discharged – and again in November in the same date we was ordered out to do a tour of duty in Charleston but received orders to halt at the ten mile Spring at which place we served out our Tour & during which tour Mr. James Howard was a faithful respectable soldier – and this deponent is under the impression that the said James Howard did do a tour of duty under Lt. Col. Farr [William Farr] against the Indians. & This deponent further saith not. Sworn to & subscribed before me the 5 October 1830

S/ J. Rodgers, QU

S/ Joseph McJunkin

[Note: All of the above documents are certified to be true copies of the original documents in the

² [John Osheals \(O'Shields\) S18146](#)

³ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

Auditor's Office of the State of South Carolina.]

[p 12: On April 1 1850, Sarah Howard made application in Spartanburg District South Carolina as the daughter and one of the legal representatives of James Howard deceased for the pension due him under the act of June 7, 1832; that James Howard of Union District South Carolina departed this life November 24, 1843 leaving the following children: Rutey Howard, Henry Howard, Elizabeth Palmer, wife of Elisha Palmer, Dycy Tucker, wife of Samuel W Tucker, and this deponent, Sarah Howard; that James Howard drew a pension from the state of South Carolina before his death but never made application to the federal government for a pension for his revolutionary services; that he would not have applied for a state pension but for the death of his son Thomas Howard. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 36: On September 23, 1851 in Pickens District South Carolina, Henry Howard executed a power of attorney in which he states that he is the sum of James Howard late of Union District South Carolina. He signed the document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to James Howard
Audited Account No. 3793

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[p 16 begins the images of the original petition and supporting documents the veteran filed when he sought a pension from South Carolina. Those documents are transcribed above except as supplemented below. The documents indicate that the state of SC paid the veteran a pension up until 1842.]

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To the Legislature of the State of South Carolina

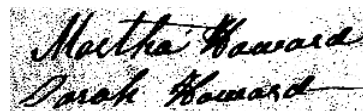
The Humble petition of Sarah Howard & Martha Howard Sheweth to your honorable body that there Father James Howard late of the District of Union in the said State dec'd departed this life in the month of November 1843. That at the time of his death he was a pensioner of the said State & that there is an arrear of pension due him up to the time of his death that he has never been paid.

We therefore pray your honorable body to cause the said arrear of Pension to be paid to your petitioners & your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Nov. 19 1846

S/ Martha Howard

S/ Sarah Howard

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature is 'Martha Howard' and the bottom signature is 'Sarah Howard'. Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light background.

⁴ 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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South Carolina

Union District} Personally came Sarah Howard before me & after being duly sworn Deposes & saith that her Father James Howard did Die about the twenty fourth day of November in the year 1843 & that he Resided in this State until his death. Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 13th day of Nov. 1846

S/ Isaac Smith, Magt.

S/ Sarah Howard, X her mark