

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Howell S2326

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State of Ohio Belmont County SS

On this 19th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Jonathan Howell a resident of Belmont County in said State aged Seventy-two years the 20th of June last 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 volunteered at Leesburg in Loudoun County State of Virginia for one year under Captain James Ratiken or Ralican Lieutenant Colonel Clapham of the Virginia State troops as he understood the name of the General & Major not recollected. That he marched from Leesburg to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania & remained there about one month & marched from thence to Wheeling in the State of Virginia & remained there & at Shepherd Fort until the end of five months from the time he volunteered, which was about the last of July or the first of August 1777 & the smallpox broke out in the Army & he hired a substitute for the balance of the time. The name of the substitute was Cornelius Hagerman, during the time of his said service he was in one Scrimmage with the Indians between Pittsburgh & Wheeling in which one man was killed & two wounded. That in June 1779 he was drafted at the flow in Ohio County State of Virginia where he then resided for the Term of one month. That he at that time belonged to Captain Williamson's Company but served most under Derick Hoglin [could be Derick Coglin]¹ who was a Lieutenant & commanded at Wheeling aforesaid & Ramsey's Fort on the waters of Buffalo. That he first went to Ramsey's Fort & thence to Wheeling Fort where he served out said month & got his discharge from Hoglin but does not know what became of it.

That in the spring of the year he thinks about the last [indecipherable word]² in 1780 he volunteered for one month Tour or Campaign under Captain Jesse Ogle Conrod Troops was first Lieutenant Andrew Ramsey was second Lieutenant, Colonel David McClune Boadhead [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Colonel Daniel Brodhead] was Colonel Commandant – That he volunteered at Buffalo aforesaid & meet at Wheeling & marched from thence to Coshocton & took that place from the Indians & took sixty or seventy Indians from thence he marched back to

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Wheeling & was there discharged but got no written discharge. That at that time he served a little more than one month.

That about the first of August 1781 & at Buffalo he again volunteered for three months the first month of which he served under Captain Joseph Ogle & the two last months he served under Captain Abner Howell Shepherd was Lieutenant Colonel David McClune [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Lieutenant Colonel David McClure] was Colonel but neither of them were in the service or out at that time. That immediately after he volunteered he marched to Court House Fort, now West Liberty & from that was with a scouting party under said Captain about the Ohio River & once up back Creek in what is now the State of Ohio for the first month – That for the two months yet remaining of said last Term he served under said Captain Howell & was engaged in building & guarding Clemmons' Fort & Mason's Fort both on the waters of Buffalo & within 2 miles of each other. That he served out said three months & was paid for the time he was under Captain Howell but no pay [indecipherable word] was made out by Captain Hegle [sic, Ogle] & he this applicant received no pay for said month.

That he received no written discharge. That he received said two months pay was received from Colonel James Marshall as this applicant understood came from the State of Pennsylvania. That the time he served 5 months as aforesaid & then hired a substitute he was paid by Captain Radican and as this applicant understood the money came from the State of Virginia. That the month he served at Wheeling as aforesaid under Lieutenant Hoglin he was paid or rather got a certificate for the service & sold said certificate. That the time he went to Cosshocton [Coshocton] under Broadhead he got no pay.

That at Buffalo aforesaid in the spring of the year 1782 he again volunteered for an indefinite period of time to keep up Mason's Fort on the Waters of Buffalo aforesaid & served for seven months part of the time under Captain Howell and then Howell the Captain enlisted got drunk & ran away after that time this applicant served for the balance of the said seven months under Mason who lived at the said Fort & as this applicant [indecipherable word] was no officer. That he got no discharge or pay for said seven months. That when he volunteered as last aforesaid he understood he belonged to the Pennsylvania line & that James Marshall was County Lieutenant Colonel. That the next summer he served at Taylor's Fort & in scouts but for what length of time he does not recollect. That he has no documentary evidence of his services & that he knows of no person whose evidence he can procure who can testify to his Services except that William Boggs was out with him in the Tour of one month to Cosshocton.

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 to and & subscribed in open Court this 5th day of November 1832

S/ Peter Tallman, Clk.

S/ Jonathan Howell



[Vachell Hall, a clergyman, and William Boggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born as I was informed by his parents & believes on the 20th of June 1760 in the County of Huntington in the State of New Jersey

Question 2 Have you any record of your age?

Ans. No

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

Ans. When first called into service I was living in Loudoun County State of Virginia and at other times was living on the waters of Buffalo in Ohio County Virginia, at that time but since that time, and for a part of that time, the place where he lived on Buffalo near Marion into Washington County State of Pennsylvania. That until the year 1786 I resided on the waters of Buffalo then went on the Waters of Wheeling Creek near Wheeling Virginia & resided there 3 years – then one year near West Liberty then in Washington County Pennsylvania for 9 years, Then on Wheeling Creek aforesaid until 1814 then went a substitute to Norfolk for Richard Hardesty from thence to Belmont County Ohio where he has resided ever since.

Question How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Ans. I always volunteered except for the month served at Wheeling I never was a substitute in the revolutionary War.

5 Question 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.

Ans. At Pittsburgh there was Colonel Gibson & Captain Clark of the Pennsylvania Regiment there was a part of the Regiment then I think 2nd Regiment Maryland, 8th of Pennsylvania & 13th of Virginia I can give no other except those stated in my declaration nor more particularly state the circumstances of my service

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Ans. I got a written discharge for the first service above stated for the whole year [indecipherable word or abbreviation] I served but 5 months myself & a substitute for the balance – it was signed by Colonel Josiah Clapham which he believes was destroyed by the Indians at a time when his father's family was driven from home by the Indians. I got a written discharge from Lieutenant Hoglin the month I served under him which was lost at the same time – never got any other written discharge

Did you ever receive a commission? Ans. No

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.

Ans. Jesse McGee, Mahlon Hatcher, Nathanael Haynes, Ralph Cowgull & William Boggs

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the Virginia militia.]