

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Howell S2328

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State of Ohio        }

Athens County ss. }

On this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court, before the President and Associate Judges of the court of Common Pleas in the County of Athens aforesaid, now sitting, William Howell a resident of Lee Township in the County of Athens and State of Ohio, aforesaid, aged eighty four 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 7. 1832,

That he entered the United States service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He was born in New Jersey where he lived till about 24 years of age when he removed into Hampshire County Virginia [now West Virginia]. he recollects that in the years 1776 & 1777 he was out in the service about a month each time, principally in pursuit of deserters, his captain's name in both these tours, was Okey Johnson, who resided on Patterson's Creek in said Hampshire County. Abram Johnson was Lieutenant, the company pursued the deserters among the Allegany [sic: Allegheny] Mountains, & took several and brought them back, it was in the summer season. – In the year 1778 in the beginning of August he was drafted in the same Captain Okey Johnson's company and marched to Fort McIntosh on the Ohio River about 18 miles below Fort Pitt [at present Beaver PA]. where he was attached to a company of Light Infantry commanded by Captain Van Swearingen, and advanced across the country to Tuscarawas [River], where the Indians were met and where the company constructed a fort [Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH]; he continued at fort Tuscarawas and employed against the Indians & in marching through the country until about the 26th day of February 1779, he was absent from home on this tour near seven months. – In April in the year 1781 he was called out in the U.S. service, in pursuit of the tories, and continued out about two months again under Capt. Okey Johnson, in this tour he proceeded up the main South forks of Potomac, and crossed over the main Branch, and down the same, in this expedition a number of tories were taken & brought in. A call was made for Militia at the taking of Cornwallis [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], when he hired a substitute– He has no documentary evidence, and he knows no person in this country whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written.

William hisXmark Howell