

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Hoard [Howard] S30491

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State of Kentucky Harlan County: Sct.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable Joseph Eve Circuit Judge of the Harlan Circuit Court sitting in court – Samuel Hoard (sometimes called Howard), a resident of the County of Harlan aforesaid and of the State of Kentucky aged seventy-two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 as a private in the state of Virginia for one year. That he rendezvoused at Woodson's ferry on James River in Buckingham County in March of the same year and marched under Captain Mayo Covington [Mayo Carrington] together with another company from the same place commanded by Captain Cunningham and sometime in April of the same year joined General Washington's Army then lying at Valley Forge on the Schuylkill River, at which place I was attached to Captain James Batop's [James Baytop's] Company, attached to the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Fleming [Charles Fleming] of General Woodfords [William Woodford's] brigade, the following Companies belonged to said Regiment, one commanded by Captain Brock, and one by Captain Haflin, there was in the Army at the same place the following regular officers, Colonel Heath [William Heth], Major Webb, Colonel Morgan [presumably Daniel Morgan], Generals Lafayette, Lee [Charles Lee], Lord Sterling [William Alexander, Lord Stirling] and Scott [probably Charles Scott]. I was inoculated for the smallpox at Valley Forge, and was left behind when the main Army left that place, and others left in the same situation were afterwards conducted with myself by Colonel Nall within three miles of Monmouth at the time of the battle at that place [June 28, 1778]. From thence we followed the main Army across the North River at West Point and joined them at the White Plains, we continued at the White Plains until the fall of the same year and marched to middle Brook where we built huts, where I remained until March and was discharged, having served as before stated one year. That he was drafted into the service, the tickets were held by Captain Charles Patterson and he drew one of the tickets and the declarant received 5 or 7 dollars of pay before he started – When my time expired I was at Middlebrook in Captain Batop's Company, myself with others were placed under charge of a Captain who had received a furlough (I have forgotten his name as he was a stranger) he marched us across the Potomac River and gave us our discharge on the bank, which discharge I lost many years since. In consequence of this year's service I was exempt one year from duty.

In January 1780 or 1781, he was drafted in Buckingham County Virginia for a three

months tour as a private and marched under Captain Jesse Sanders from Buckingham to the Dismal Swamp near Portsmouth Virginia at the time General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] was then with the British troops; and attached to Colonel Dicks [probably Alexander Dick's] Regiment, Major Long belonged to the same Regiment, another Regiment commanded by Colonel Sampson Matthews was at the same place. He was in one skirmish with a picket guard near that place, and had a musket ball shot through his hat. He continued at the encampment until April and was discharged by Captain Sanders at that place, having served three months and some days and has lost his discharge. He states that early in September of the same year he thinks 1781 he entered for another three months tour as a private under Captain Silas Watkins and marched from Buckingham County Virginia, and marched to Yorktown and was attached to the \_\_\_ Regiment and commanded by Colonel \_\_\_. There was so much confusion and so many changes in officers and regiments at Yorktown that he has forgotten the number of the Regiment and the name of the Colonel. He continued at Yorktown until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] having served nearly three months and was discharged, he did not receive any written discharge. His entire service in the three tours he served wanted ten days of eighteen months – He has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove it, he moved from Buckingham to Greenbrier County Virginia in 1781 – and lived there seven years, he then moved to Big Holston Hawkins County Tennessee and lived there a year. He then removed to Powell's Valley Russell County Virginia and remained there six or seven years. He then removed to Harlan County, where he now resides and has remained there ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or Territory.

Subscribed and sworn to in Open Court

S/ Samuel Hoard

In answer to the seven interrogatories directed by the War Department to be propounded by the Court, He answers to the first question and says he was born in Buckingham County Virginia and was born in the year 1762. To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Question, He says he has no record of his age but his information is derived from his parents.

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> Question, He says when he was called into service he was living in Buckingham County Virginia. He removed from thence to Greenbrier County Virginia from thence to Holston Hawkins County Tennessee, from thence to Powell's Valley Russell County Virginia from thence to his present place of residence Harlan County Kentucky, where he has ever since resided.

To the 4<sup>th</sup> Question. He says he was drafted into service in each of the tours he served.

To the 5<sup>th</sup> Question he says General Lafayette, Scott, Lord Stirling and Scott, was in the Army where he served. Also Colonel Morgan, Colonel Heath, Major Webb. At Yorktown he recollects General Knox who commanded the artillery, General Lincoln – Washington, Lafayette

To the 6<sup>th</sup> Question. He says, He was discharge from his first tour by an officer whose name he does not recollect. After the expiration of his 2<sup>nd</sup> tour he was discharged by Captain Sanders, he received no discharge for his 3<sup>rd</sup> tour. He has lost both of his discharges many years since.

To the 7<sup>th</sup> question he states, That he has known Colonel Elijah Greene, James Ball, John Jones for 20 odd years and he expects they will testify to his veracity, and the general belief of his revolutionary services – and also Samuel Bridewell the nearest resident clergyman – And he has also known Charles Noe for 40 years or more.

[Samuel Bridewell and Elijah Greene, James Ball, John Jones and Charles Noe gave the standard

supporting affidavit.]

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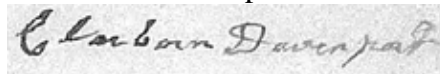
State of Virginia Washington County: Sc.

This day Claiborne Davenport now in the seventy fifth year of his age personally appeared before me John N Hume a justice of the peace in and for said County and being duly sworn deposed and saith: That he was well acquainted with Samuel Howard [sic] who is now present, and who as deponent is informed now lives in Harlan County Kentucky, that the said Samuel Howard was a soldier and served with deponent in the Army during the revolutionary war. Deponent and said Howard marched in the same company under the command of Lieutenant Mayo Carrington from Gillam's Tavern in Cumberland County Virginia to Valley Forge, where they remained for three or four months, during which time the said Howard was inoculated for the smallpox, and deponent attended upon him. Deponent and said Howard were at this time attached to the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment which was in the Brigade under the command of General Woodford. Deponent and said Howard were separated shortly after the Army left Valley Forge, and again came together at the White Plains where they remained about two months, and afterwards were together at Middlebrook during the winter, where they remained until spring when said Howard was discharged from the service, having served his term of twelve months.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 18 34 before me

S/ Jno. N. Hume, JP

S/ Claiborn Davenport

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claiborn Davenport". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service.]