

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hopkin (Hopkins) Howell S31749

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State of Georgia Lincoln County: On this 23rd day of April 1838 personally appeared in open Court the Superior Court of said County and State before Garnett Andrews presiding Judge thereof it being the regular term of said Court, Hopkin Howell Senior a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years the 22nd day of March last according to the information deponent has received from his parents there is no family record of his age, and the said Hopkin Howell being duly sworn according to law in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a militia man he thinks in 1780 on Jeffer's Creek in South Carolina where he resided at the time and was about 17 years [of] age as well as he remembers now, and was attached to Captain Robert Welborn's Company in Colonel William Baxter's Regiment and marched down to Stono intending as was understood there to join General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] some short time after the Battle of that place, before arriving at that place we were stopped and turned to the hanging Rock and there joined with General Sumpter and was in that Battle at the place which was severe, whilst it lasted, with the British & Tories, 2 or 3 days after the Battle we were forced to march to Moncks Corner in that State at that place the company to which deponent was attached remained during the Campaign except the skirmishing in scouring the Country in pursuit of the enemy and was in service 7 months as a private.

After being discharged, [he] returned to Dobbs County in North Carolina where deponent was raised, waters of Neuse River and found his Brother Henry Howell drafted for a 3 month tour and substituted in his place, was attached to Captain William Douglass' Company in Major Dennis's Battalion & rendezvoused on Tar River and marched to the mouth of the Yadkin River, built a Fort where that company remained during the term he was drafted, the year or the exact time deponent cannot state his afflictions and bodily strength has been such as [to] impair greatly his memory, in this service however he remembers no engagement or important event to state.

On his return to where he then called his home the neighborhood where he was raised, he again substituted in place of John Thompson, he believes in 1781 and as to dates here is refreshed by Thomas Grace who was in service at the time with deponent and whose testimony he avails himself of to prove his service and immediately returned into service it was militia and attached to Captain John Langston's company who took sick and Captain John Giles took command of the Company in Colonel Quinnup [?] Regiment & ordered to march & join General Greene at the mouth of Yadkin River on arriving near there found ourselves immediately in sight of the British and ascertained General Greene had marched with some prisoners he had captured into Virginia. We were wheeled and forced day and night eighteen days and pursued by the British in the time were joined by General Linnington [Lillington?] & General Marion and all

united with General Greene at Guilford Court House some 2 or 3 days before the memorable Battle at that place, after which General Marion started towards Fayetteville and the Company in which deponent was attached marched with him part of the way and turned over to General Linnington and marched to Cross Creek and there served out in that Campaign seven months as a private.

Again deponent returned to where he was raised and during that and the succeeding two years he volunteered various times with Captain Welborn and Colonel Baxter and others and was marched in various scouts in pursuit of Tories searching & scouring them out and was as deponent believes in the service at the various times one-year as he was continually engaged in the section where he was raised. It was unsafe to remain out of the Army he served in the three regular Campaigns seventeen months and as a volunteer in the various scouting parties twelve months or more as a private in the militia service as recited.

Deponent further swears that he has lived in the Counties of Wilkes, Jefferson, Washington, Appling & Ware & Lincoln fifty years or more, that he deponent is greatly afflicted and has been for four years with a cancer in his mouth which has nearly destroyed the few days he could have enjoyed, his memory destroyed, and so prostrated that he is unable to remember dates or names with accuracy nor is he able to remember of any other living witness except John Grace Senior who testifies in behalf of deponent to seven months service, to prove more of his services, nor has he any documentary testimony to offer as proof of his services, he will be enabled to prove his character for veracity and standing as a revolutionary character and the reasonableness of his claims full pay by Thomas Grace Senior by his annexed affidavit by the Reverend James B Turner, Allen K Curry Esquire and John Reid and the annexed affidavit of John Grace Senior of Tattnall County Georgia, deponent has never received a pension nor is his name placed on any pension Roll of any Agency to his knowledge, he has applied heretofore and rejected and the papers sent back to his agent in the County of Ware that he has applied and sent to obtain the same to amend but is unable to obtain them nor does he know the objections made heretofore to his application. He hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension but the present.

Sworn to the debate first within inserted in Open Court before

S/ Joshua Daniel, Clerk

S/Hopkins Howell, X his mark

[Reverend James B Turner, Allen K Curry & John Reid gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Tattnall County: Personally appeared before me John T Sharpe a Justice of the peace in and for said County, John Grace Senior,¹ a Revolutionary Pensioner in a resident of the said County and State, who being by me duly sworn deposed and saith that he is acquainted with Hopkins Howell, Senior, who is an applicant for the benefit of the Pension Law of the United States, now residing as deponent understands in Lincoln County, in said State, recently lived in the County of Ware and same State, and has known him for sixty years, that his deponent, became first acquainted with said Howell in the year 1780, that they were engaged in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary Struggle seven months in the year 1781 for which services deponent receives a pension from the Government of the United States which said Hopkins Howell Senior was then a Private Soldier attached to the company of Captain John Giles of the militia in Colonel John Sitgraves Regiment, no General to command as deponent recollects and was during the seven months in the State of North Carolina. After organizing we marched to Rockfish Bridge stationed there about five weeks as militia, deponent further swears that he has just reasons to believe and does verily believe that the said Hopkins Howell Senior

¹ [John Grace W7582](#)

did serve his Country faithfully during the time he states in his oath, as he the said applicant has satisfied this deponent in his statement and what he deponent has himself seen and known that since the Revolutionary War said applicant has resided in various parts, as he is informed by him that deponent has known him in his Residence in the counties of Tattnall & Ware as before stated of his Residence and that this deponent believes said applicant is entitled to receive a pension as he understands the provisions of the pension act and that his destitute and afflicted situation as well as he is advanced age makes him an object of charity.

Sworn to and subscribed for me this 26 day of March 1838

S/ John T Sharpe, JP

S/ John Grace, Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Grace Senior". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the typed name.

[Facts in file, veteran died July 27, 1838, leaving children their names not shown in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 17 months service as a private in the Georgia militia.]