

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Howard S38045

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[Virginia, Hanover County]

In Hanover County Court May 27th 1818

James Howard this day appeared in Court & declared on oath that he resides in this County, that he is the same James Howard who was directed by the secretary at war, should be placed on the pension list of the Virginia agency, at the rate of \$4 per month, which pension he relinquishes for the purpose of taking the benefit of the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" that he first entered the service as a private soldier in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment in the year 1779 under the command of General Weedon [George Weedon] at Fredericksburg in Virginia, and was marched thence to Chesterfield Courthouse in the said State, and placed under the command of Colonel William Davis, & thence to North Carolina under the command of Colonel Campbell [William Campbell or Richard Campbell] and was at the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] in which he received a wound in the left shoulder, on account of which he was rendered incapable of further service & was placed on the pension list of the United States as aforesaid, that he remained in the hospital until 1781, when he was discharged, that the time he was in actual service and that in which he remained in the Hospital was upwards of two years, that he is in such reduced circumstances in life as to be absolutely in need of assistance from his Country for support that he is at present about sixty years of age.

[There is a certification of this affidavit given by William Pollard and dated May 28, 1818 -- Pollard's certificate has been largely defaced by two large ink blots.]

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In Hanover County Court, February 24th 1819

Benjamin Timberlake¹ and William Whipple² came into court and being sworn & examined depose & say that James Howard who made his declaration in this Court on the 27th day of May 1818 and for the purpose of procuring a pension under the late Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War" did serve as a private soldier in the Continental Army between the years 1779

¹ I could find no federal pension application for Timberlake.

² [William Whipple S41325](#) testified in his application that he served 2 years in the Virginia Line under Capt. Benjamin Timberlake.

& 1781 more than nine months, which is ordered to be certified.
[William Pollard also certified this action.]

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On this 25th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Hanover James Howard aged 66 years a Resident in the said County in the District of Virginia, who being 1st sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in the year 1779 at Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia under General Weedon, that he served three years lacking forty days in the revolutionary Army and was duly discharged in the State of North Carolina which discharge is lost, that he was at the battles of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and Guilford Court House and was wounded at the last mentioned battle, that the date of his original Declaration is the 27th day of May 1818 & that number of the pension Certificate is _____

and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit, one hog, one gun, one hoe, two axes, one drawing knife and one chisel, that he is a farmer by trade, but is unable to do much labor in consequence of his age and the wound which he received in the battle of Guilford Court House aforesaid through the left shoulder, that he has no wife or children, and that he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

S/ James Howard, X his mark

[The court valued the property scheduled by the veteran at \$10.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 27, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Hanover County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the House of Delegates: The Petition of James Howard humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioner was a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell, and received a wound at the battle of Guilford which has greatly increased the debility attendant on advanced age, and which has rendered your Petitioner unable to obtain a livelihood by labour: He therefore prays for such public assistance as the Legislature in their Wisdom may be pleased to allow him. And as in duty bound he will ever pray &c
December 5, 1805

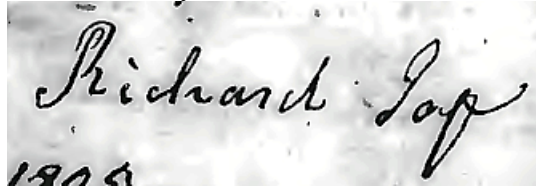
[Reverse]

James Howard's Petition

To Claims
Referred December 9th 1805
Reasonable
Reported
Bill drawn
27th of December 1805

I do certify that James Howard was a private in the Same Regiment and Company as myself and that he came to the Hospital as a wounded man from the battle of Guilford in is [his] Shoulder. Given under my hand this 8th day of December 1805

S/ Richard Joy³

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Joy". Below the signature, the year "1805" is partially visible.

Henry County

The above named Richard Joy made oath before me a justice of the peace for said County to the truth of the above Certificate. Given under my hand this 9th December 1805

S/ Gervas Storrs

Louisa December 2nd 1805

I do hereby certify that the Bearer James Howard served during our late War as a private Soldier in the same Regiment to which I belonged viz. the 2nd commanded by Colonel Campbell but not in the same company I belonged to Captain Anderson's [possibly John Anderson's] Company & the Bearer to Captain Cleverson's [?]. I also certify he received a wound at the Battle of Guilford in the Shoulder.

S/ John Mallory,⁴ X his mark

³ [Richard Joy S25182](#)

⁴ Perhaps the same man as [John Mallory S38161](#)