

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Benjamin Howell S4396

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State of Tennessee }                      November Sessions 1833  
Grainger County    }

On this eighteenth day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record with power to fine and imprison Benjamin Howell a resident Citizen of the County of Grainger and state of Tennessee aged eighty years the tenth day of March 1833 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 enlisted in the army of the united states in the year 1780 in the spring under Captain Thomas Farmer Leut Andrew Brooks in the regement commanded by Col Robert Mabin [sic: Robert Mebane] General Butlers [John Butler's] Brigade he was drafted in the town of Hillsborough state of North Carolina for a tour of three months & served one month & then hired one Joseph King as my substitute & was discharged by Captain Farmer after he returned home in about two months he was again drafted for three months entered the service of the united states under Captain William Jamemeson [sic: William Jameson] at Hillsborough North Carolina & served two months & then hired Hugh Carothers as my substitute & was discharged by Captain Jameson on this tour I belonged to Col. Colyers [probably John Collier's] Regement General Butlers Brigade shortly after I reached home there was a call for men I again enlisted at Hillsborough under Captain William Douglass for three months and marched to the Cross roads on the Yadkin River we marched from the Yadkin to the south and stoped about five days at Ramseys Mill [on Deep River in Chatham County] while at Ramseys we received information that the tories had taken Governor Burk [sic: Thomas Burke] & Col McCawley [probably McCauley] prisoners [12 Sep 1781] on our march we met the tories at Linleys Mill & had an engagment [Battle of Lindley's Mill, 13 Sep] with them where Colonel Litall [sic: John Luttrell] was killed & major Nalls also and about twenty men we whipped the scotch [sic: Loyalists under Col. David Fanning] & drove them to Raft Swamps The tories kept their prisoners I served my full time of three months & was discharged by Captain Douglass & when I reached home the tories were doing much mischief while under Captain Douglass we took Frank Crven [sic] a great tory & hung him & also took Henry Hightower who kill Col Maben our Col [Oct 1781] & hung him for killing Col. Maben I was at home only a few days when I volunteered with Captain Young & marched against the tories & had a fight at Lewis Kirks [12 Sep] where Captain Young & Captain Abraham Allen were both wounded & Young died of his wound I was in service about two weeks at this time I was at Hillsborough as a volunteer immediately on my return home after serving under Captain Young he served one month under Col Hugh Tinyan [Hugh Tinnian] from the time I was under Col Tinyan I was in almost constant service untill the close of the war but cannot state any perticular term of service but am confident he served at least one whole year being almost constant in the service after the tories in short tours sometimes on foot but mostly mounted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

[signed] Benjamin Howell

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Granville County State of North Carolina on the tenth day of March 1753 as I have been informed

have you any record of your age

I have

where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer I lived in orange County North Carolina on Morgans Creek from thence I removed to Tennessee Grainger County where I now live & have lived in Grainger more than 40 years

how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute &

if a substitute for whom

Answer I was twice drafted & always after volunteered

did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

I did receive a discharge from Capt Farmer & Captain Douglass they lost long since  
state te names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can  
testify to your character for varacity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution  
Col Carmical Major Nair[?] Col Whiteside Col Easley & many others indeed all my neighbors  
know I am a man of varacity