

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Howard S8716

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State of Ohio, Ross County: SS

On this 16th day of March in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Ross County, State of Ohio, now sitting, Adam Howard a resident of Buckskin Township in said County of Ross aged sixty-nine 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 service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

He first entered the service of the United States in the year 1781 as a Substitute for George Sites, a drafted militia man in Captain Baxter's [George Baxter's] Company. At the time of entering the service he resided in Rockingham County, State of Virginia, near Harrisonburgh [Harrisonburg] (sometimes called Rocktown) and joined his Company, Captain Baxter's, at Colonel Smith's,¹ about three miles from Harrisonburg. From Colonel Smith's Captain Baxter's Company of which this declarant was a member marched to Richmond Virginia and were there attached to Colonel Nall's [perhaps County Lt. William Nolle or Nail] Regiment. From Richmond, this declarant was marched with Colonel Nall's Regiment, through Williamsburg to Little York. From Little York he was marched through a Cane Swamp, which was passed about three miles on logs, to Carolina, and from Carolina he was marched back to Portsmouth. He was stationed at Portsmouth for short intervals when he was not on the March to and fro – he was frequently marched short distances through the County about Portsmouth, to which place, as the Head Quarters, he was marched back. He cannot recollect precisely the time of his first entering the service. It was a little upwards of six months perhaps seven or eight months, before the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He served a tour of three months as substitute for George Sites, and was discharged at Little York, back to which place he had been marched from Portsmouth. For this first tour he received a written discharge. His Major was Major Guy Hamilton. He was in no battles and new none of the Regular Officers. This declarant is a "Pennsylvania Dutchman" and generally speaks the German language – the German language is spoken constantly in his family, and he is but very imperfectly acquainted with the English. Shortly after his discharge from his first tour, he was called out as a drafted militia man, to perform a three months tour of service in Captain Leonard Herron's Company. The company again assembled at Colonel Smith's, where this declarant joined it, thence he was again marched through Richmond and Williamsburg towards Little York. His service during this second tour

¹ Abraham Smith was County Lieutenant of the militia of Rockingham County Virginia; also Colonel Daniel Smith was a militia officer from said County.

consisted principally in marching through the Country about Little York. He was on one occasion marched with a party to attack the British picket guards at Jamestown. This declarant was in the rear of the party and as soon as the van commenced the firing a retreat was ordered. From Jamestown he was marched back towards Little York, near which place he was discharged about three or four weeks before the capture of Cornwallis. He received a written discharge from Captain Herron, but lost it during his residence in Rockingham. This declarant was born in the State of Pennsylvania, but whilst he was quite young his father removed to Rockingham Virginia. From Rockingham Virginia he the declarant removed to Ross County Ohio, about nineteen or twenty years ago. From that to the present time he has resided in said County of Ross. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services; but he expects to prove them by Christopher Depoy,² Adam Butt and Henry Butt, now living in the Miami Country as this declarant is informed, Served with him, but he does not know that he will be able to procure their testimony.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present (for which he claims as for six months) and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. And the said Adam Howard being interrogated in open Court answered as follows to wit

Where and in what year were you born? I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1764, as well as I can recollect. I am about 18 months younger than Christopher Depoy, who says he was born on the 16th day of August 1762.

Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? I have no record of my age. My father kept a record of his children's ages; but at his death some other of his children cut the record out of the book in which it was kept, and I have never been able to procure it or to make another correct one.

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? At the time of entering the service I lived in Rockingham County, Virginia, where I lived till about nineteen or twenty years ago when I came to Ross County, Ohio in which I have resided until the present moment.

How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute? And if a substitute for whom? I first entered the Service and served a three month tour as a substitute for George Sites: I next served a three months tour as a drafted militia man.

State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. I had no particular acquaintance with any of the Regular Officers. I have seen General Wayne. He came, with his troops, to Jamestown, Shortly after the firing on the British picket guards as herein before stated. I have also seen General Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg]. My services both terms consisting in marching and countermarching through the Country about Portsmouth and Little York – Sometimes pursuing but often pursued. I have already stated my services with as much particular as I can.

Did you ever receive a written discharge from the Service, and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it? For the first tour I received no written discharge; for the 2nd I received one signed by my Captain Leonard Herron, but lost it a number of years before I left Rockingham Virginia.

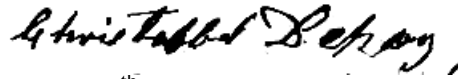
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Adam Howard, X his mark

² [Christopher Depoy S2166](#)

Christopher Depoy being also sworn in open Court according to Law deposeth and saith that he has been well acquainted with the said Adam Howard from a very early period of his life, & he does know and states that said Adam Howard was a Soldier of the Revolution and served in the Revolutionary War as he has set forth in his foregoing declaration. This deponent served at the same time and under the same officers with the said Adam Howard the whole of the two three months' tours served by the said Adam Howard as stated by him in his said Declaration. And further saith not.

S/ Christopher Depoy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Depoy".

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 16th day of March 1833 aforesaid

S/Humphrey Fallerton, Clerk

[Peter Sperry and Nathan Corey, two clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]