

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Howard S9563

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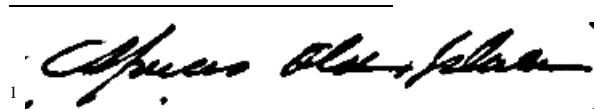
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State of Virginia Campbell County Sct.

On this 9th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Campbell now sitting James Howard a resident of said County & State aged seventy 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the County of Goochland in the State of Virginia in the year 1763 the month and day not now particularly recollected – there was a register of his age in the family Bible which he believes is now in the possession of some of his father's children in the State of Kentucky. When called into service he resided in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia and continued to reside in that County for many years after the Revolutionary War – he now resides in the County of Campbell. That in the month of October 1779 he entered the service of the United States as a soldier of the revolution in a Company of volunteers commanded by Captain Jacob Early Lieutenant Samuel Mitchell in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lynch – they rendezvoused at New London then in Bedford now in Campbell County (by a division of said County) in the State of Virginia & marched through the counties of Charlotte, Prince Edward, Amelia & Chesterfield to the town of Petersburg where they were stationed for six weeks. They had volunteered for a three months tour but were discharged after serving for six weeks. There was nothing worthy of note in this service. He does not think that any officers were stationed at Petersburg at the time he was there except those connected with Colonel Lynch's Regiment. He had a discharge from this service signed by Colonel Lynch but it was very soon thereafter lost or destroyed. After having returned home in the month of February or March (he thinks) 1780 he again went into service as a substitute for his father Drewry Howard who had been drafted to serve a tour of three months. They rendezvoused at Speens [?]¹ old place near the town of New London aforesaid and marched in a company of Riflemen commanded by Captain John Oley [John Otley or Otey) & Lieutenant George Dooley attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Sampson Mathews of Staunton Virginia – they marched through the country aforesaid to Petersburg – thence through Dinwiddie, Prince George, Isle of Wight, Surry & perhaps other Counties to Portsmouth where he was stationed for three months and eight days under the immediate command of General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. Whilst on this station he was engaged in numerous skirmishes with the British but



never came to a close engagement. At Portsmouth besides the officers aforesaid he remembers to have seen Major Long, Major Boyce (Boyce arrived after Long had left there or about that time) & Captain Poindexter [Joseph Poindexter] & Captain John Trigg commandants of Companies from Bedford County aforesaid. After their term of three months had expired they remained eight days at the request of General Muhlenberg until the coming in of some near reinforcements. He had a discharge signed by General Muhlenberg which (with his discharge from another has hereinafter mentioned) was carried by his father to Kentucky with his papers at least thirty years ago – his father has long since departed this life & he doubts not but that those papers are destroyed. At Portsmouth he was attached he thinks to the 9th Regiment. He returned home and in the month of August or September 1781 he again entered the service as a substitute for his brother David Howard in a Company of militia: They rendezvoused near New London as aforesaid and he marched in a company commanded by Captain Charles Callaway, Lieutenant John Clayton in a Regiment under the command of Colonel William Callaway – they marched through the town of Petersburg aforesaid – crossed James River at Swan's Point near Old James Town – thence through Williamsburg to Little York where he remained for three months. He was present at the siege of York & done his duty on the surrender of said Cornwallis at York he was attached under his Captain & Lieutenant aforesaid to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Bayloe or Baily a regular officer of the Army. From some cause or other Colonel Callaway returned home before the siege. At York he remembers to have seen General Washington, General Lafayette, Colonel Trigg, Colonel Bayloe, Colonel or Captain Yarborough & many others. After the surrender of Cornwallis & after the expiration of his three months tour he enlisted for three years under Yarborough a recruiting officer – he marched under him & Colonel Bayloe to New Castle on the Pamunkey River where they remained about two weeks & then marched to Cumberland old Courthouse in Virginia under the command of and Ensign being engaged in the recruiting service, Yarborough visiting them every two or three weeks. The war being now ended he procured a discharge by getting a man to take his place with the consent of his [paper damaged and text missing] he thinks by Colonel Febiger [Christian Febiger which was carried to Kentucky & lost as aforesaid. He had no written discharge from his tour at Little York. During the whole of his service he was not engaged in any Civil pursuits. He has no documentary evidence of his services except the affidavit of Stephen Jones (since deceased) hereto annexed as a part of this declaration. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first above stated.

S/ James Howard, X his mark

[Frederick Kabler, a clergyman and Jarrard Dougherty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court then proceeded to propound the interrogatories required by the War [department]: which questions and answers are as follows

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Goochland in this State in the year 1763 – the month & day I do not now remember.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. There was a record of my age in the family Bible which is now with some of the family

[indecipherable word]² in Kentucky

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into service I lived in the County of Bedford in this state & continued to live there for many years after the Revolutionary war – I now live in this County not far from the Bedford line.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I once volunteered = then I think as a substitute for my father Drewry Howard – afterwards I went as a substitute for my brother David Howard and then I enlisted under Colonel Yarborough.

5th 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.

Answer. I served under Colonel Lynch, General Muhlenberg, General Washington – the first at Petersburg – the 2nd at Portsmouth & the last at Little York. At Portsmouth I saw Major Long, Major Boyce, Captain Pander [sic?], Captain Trigg & others. At Little York I sold Washington, Lafayette, Bayloe, Yarborough – my own officers & many others. At Portsmouth I think I belonged to the 9th Regiment – at the other places I don't recollect the number of the Regiment. My declaration states the general circumstances of my service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a written discharge from 3 of my tours and none from the others the first was signed by Colonel Lynch, the 2nd by General Muhlenberg and the last by Colonel Febiger – they are either lost, mislaid or in the possession of my family when they went to Kentucky many years ago.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name the Reverend Frederick Kabler & Jarrard Dougherty

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Bedford County to wit

The affidavit of Stephen Jones³ aged about sixty-nine years resident in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia – states that he together with James Howard of Bedford County volunteered in the time of the revolutionary war under Captain Early & Lieutenant Samuel Mitchell and marched to Petersburg in Virginia, [several words written over and illegible] called out to serve a three months tour, but after serving about six weeks our Company was discharged. – The precise date of this tour he does not recollect, but knows that it was previous to the battle of Guilford.

That he knows that the said James Howard was afterwards called into service and

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³ [Stephen Jones W7916](#)

marched to Portsmouth Virginia as he understood on a tour of three months.

That the said James Howard and this affiant were again called out as Militia man from the County of Bedford under Captain Charles Callaway and marched on to Little York in Virginia and were both in the Siege at that place and after the surrender of Cornwallis, the said Howard and this affiant enlisted in the regular Army for three years under Captain Charles Yarbrough. That the said Howard served about eight months under his said enlistment and then furnished a substitute in his place and got a discharge and a credit for his three years service, and further saith not.

September 28, 1832

S/ Stephen Jones, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$51.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months and 12 days in the Virginia service.]