

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Miles Howell S9586

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In Nansemond County Court 13th May 1833

State of Virginia, County of Nansemond SS

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Josiah Riddick, Hardy Cross, Edward R Hunter and Edward B Sumner the Court of Nansemond, now sitting, Miles Howell a resident of Nansemond County and State of Virginia aged seventy-two 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under Captain Robert Riddick, Captain Foster, Captain James McClenny Captain Willis Parker and Captain Kinchen Godwin – Josiah Riddick and Book Wills were his different colonels – that he served under the above named officers eight or ten different tours of six weeks each, making in all at least twelve months service, that he marched to Portsmouth, and was several times on James River, that he was drafted in the service that he resided in Nansemond County State of Virginia when he entered the service, that he was in a skirmish with the enemy at troublesome point on Nansemond River that he recollects there were regular troops at Portsmouth, but does not, at this time recollect the number of the Regiment or the names of the officers that he was on James River at the time the battle was fought at Little York that he was discharged at Portsmouth by Captain Foster, does not recollect whether he received a written discharge or not, and that he has no documentary evidence to offer in support of his claim. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

(Signed) Miles Howell, X his mark

Amended declaration of Miles Howell

State of Virginia, County of Nansemond

I, Miles Howell of the aforesaid County and state, being duly sworn according to law doth on my oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. – That by reason of old age and the [the image of this page cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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recollection, I served during the war in the militia a period not less than eleven months and six days, and for which service I claim a pension. – That to the best of my recollection, I entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 under Captain Robert Riddick, under whom I served

two tours of six weeks each; during the same year I served one other tour of six weeks under Captain Foster – in the year 1779 I served two tours of six weeks each under Captain James McClinney and one tour of six weeks under Captain Willis Parker, and in 1780 I served one other tour of six weeks under Captain Willis Parker, and one six weeks under Captain Kinchen Godwin, making in all eight tours, not recollected, of six weeks each. (I said in my original declaration that I served twelve months, because I calculated four weeks to be the month.) Colonel Josiah Riddick of this County and Colonel Book Wills of Isle of Wight were the field officers, who commanded generally when I was in service –

That I was called into service by Competent authority that my service was performed in the field in the counties of Nansemond, Norfolk, Isle of Wight and Surry Virginia, that I was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the performance of this service, and that I know of no person now living who can testify to the length of my service. Sworn to and subscribed this 9th day of November 1833

S/ Miles Howell, Senior, X his mark

[Solomon Whitfield & Elijah Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 24 days in the Virginia militia.]