

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John How (Howe) W10113

Rachel Howe

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State of Kentucky Hardin County and Circuit: SS

On this 19th day of September 1818 before me Alfred Metcalf Circuit Judge in and for the 5th judicial district of Kentucky, and sole judge of the Hardin Circuit Court in said district personally appeared John How aged sixty-four years resident in the County of Hardin aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by 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 the said John How enlisted in the State of Maryland in July 1776 in the company of riflemen commanded by Alex. Lawson Smith in Rawlings Regiment; that he continued to serve as a Sergeant in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the 29th of August 1779 when he was discharged at Harford Town in Maryland by the said Captain Smith, & his discharge is hereunto annexed; that he was in the battles at Trenton [December 26, 1776] at the taking of the Hessians, at the capture of Burgoyne [Battle of Saratoga II or Bemis Heights, October 7, 1777] & at Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; that he has never been allowed any pension under any law of the United States; that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services – Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/Alfred Metcalf

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I Alfred Metcalf Judge as aforesaid do further certify that this day Robert Kinkade made oath before me that he served with the said John How for more than 2 years in the revolutionary war; that he is well acquainted with said How & his circumstances, that said How is unable from age & infirmity to labor & has not sufficient property for his support.

Given under my hand this 19th day of September 1818

S/ Alfred Metcalf

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State of Kentucky Hardin Circuit Sct. June Term 1820

District of Kentucky Hardin Circuit SS

On this 15th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said District John Howe aged sixty-six years resident in Hardin County in said District

who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows viz. in Colonel Hugh Stinson's Regiment of riflemen who was afterwards commanded by Colonel Moses Rawlings in Captain Alexander Losson Smith's company afterwards drafted in Colonel Daniel Morgan's rifle company in Captain Gabriel Long's Company the date of the certificate is the 19th day of September 1819 No. 10787 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 viz. 462 acres of 3rd rate land but the same is this and the title is doubtful, 3 horses, five cows and three yearling calves and 4 yearlings, two two-year old calves, 40 hogs & 10 sheep my occupation is farming and am illy able to pursue that having had one of my arms broken my family consist of my wife Rachel aged fifty-eight years and is a total cripple five years back, one son David aged nineteen also three daughters Rachel, Eleanor and Iasbella, Rachel is 20 years, Eleanor 16 and Issabella fourteen all of which are tolerably healthy.

S/ John Howe

[The court valued the schedule of property at \$214, it appearing to the court that the claim for the 462 acres is entirely covered by a "prior & letter claim"]

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Harford Town in Maryland 29th of August 1779

I do Certify that John How Sergeant enlisted in my Company to serve three years, from the twenty second day of July 1776, during which time of service, he behaved himself in such a Manner as to gain the esteem of all Officers that knew him, and I do Discharge him from all future Services to the States under that Enlistment.

S/ Alexander Lawson Smith, Captain
Commandant of the Remainder of
Rawlings' Regiment of Riflemen

Harford Town Augustth 29th Aug 1779
I do Certify that John How Sergeant, enlisted in my Company to serve three years, from the twenty second day of July Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Six; during which time of service he behaved himself in such a Manner as to gain the esteem of all Officers that knew him, and I do Discharge him from all future Services to the States under that Enlistment.
Alex^r Lawson Smith
Commandant of the Remainder of
Rawlings' Regiment of Riflemen

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State of Kentucky Hardin Circuit Sct. September Term 1823

Be it Remembered that at a Court Continued and held for the Hardin Circuit at the Courthouse in Elizabeth Town on Thursday the 4th day of September 1823

It was ordered that the following declaration and Schedule be entered of Record and certified, To wit,

District of Kentucky Hardin Circuit Sct.

On this 4th day of September in the year 1823 John Howe personally appeared in the Hardin Circuit Court in the State of Kentucky being a Superior Court of Law and Equity and of Record for the said Circuit and County of Hardin and possessing authority to fine and imprison – and declared on oath in said court that he was sixty-nine years of age on the 24th day of June last past. That he served in the Revolutionary War between the United States and Great Britain as follows (To wit) "as a Sergeant in Colonel Hugh Stinson's (alias Stevenson's) Regiment of Riflemen which was afterwards Commanded by Colonel Moses Rawlings in Captain Alexander Lasson Smith's Company that he was afterwards drafted into Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rifle Corps in Captain Gabriel Long's Company and served therein first as Orderly Sergeant until the capture of General Burgoyne and his Army and after that event was made Sergeant Major in the Same Corps. That he was in thirty-two general engagements and skirmishes in the said War, that he was one of the Army of General Washington when he captured the Hessians at Trenton that he was in the same Army at the battle of Princeton [January 3, 1777], that he was also at the battle of Bonbrooke [Bound Brook or Bonbrook, New Jersey, April 13, 1777] near Middlebrook, that he was in the action of Piscataway [May 10, 1777] near Brunswick – That he was in Eight actions in nine days near Somerset. That he was in two general engagements and six Skirmishes with the Army of General Burgoyne. That he afterwards joined General Washington in the neighborhood of Philadelphia and was sent under the command of Marquis Lafayette into Jersey against and defeated a British Pickett of 300 Strong – That he was in the action of Chestnut Ridge [probably a reference to the Battle of Chestnut Neck fought October 6, 1778] where he killed a British Major and where he was wounded in the Breast by a musket ball. He was in the battle of Monmouth and that he served as a mounted volunteer in the Army of General Wayne in the year 1794 and acted as adjutant in that Campaign in Major Aquilla Whitaker's Battalion – and that he was also honorably discharged from the Service on the 29th day of August 1779 At Hartford Town in the State of Maryland. The said Howe also declared on oath in the Court aforesaid that on the 15th day of June 1820 he made his declaration in this Court which contained a Schedule of his property, And the personal part thereof was valued at \$214 and the land he then lived on was adjudged to be of no value. That at the May Term 1822 of the County Court of the County aforesaid he made another declaration containing a Schedule of his personal property which was valued at \$116 but which did not include the land aforesaid that the difference between the first and second schedule and valuations arose from the fact one of the horses had died another belonged to his son David Howe who left the family and carried the horse away with him one cow one two year old heifer and a yearling heifer belonged to his daughter Rachel Howe now married and carried them away with her. That when his daughter Eleanor Howe married he gave her a three year old heifer and a Ewe and that the said Horses, cattle and Ewe were included in the first Schedule and were not for the causes stated in the second Schedule. The said Howe also declares on oath that since his said first Schedule he was obliged to subsist on part of his stock some part has died and some part has been killed by the wolves all which are the Reasons which the said John Howe gives on oath for the variance between this and his first

and Second Schedules. The said Howe also declares on oath that he held the land stated in his first Schedule under two Patents from the State of Kentucky for vacant land the first 262 acres dated the 4th day of August 1813 the other for 200 acres dated the 25th day of August 1817 both of which are included in the bounds of a patent for 75,000 acres in the name of Bell of Superior dignity and dated in the year 1793. That the said land has been patented before the Arjun of the said Howe's claim which were therefore invalid and void: that the said Howe has purchased the 462 acres of the present proprietors of the said 75,000 acres but he has not paid for the same and is wholly unable to do so and will be compelled to sell or abandon the same unless he can obtain the aid of his Government and that he has given up the said land to his son David in order to obtain from his assistance a Security Support that when he the said Howe made his first Schedule he believed that it was his duty to give end the property which belonged as aforesaid to his said children and that upon being placed upon the pension list the Certificate granted him was dated the 19th day of September 1818 and No. 10787.

And I the said John Howe 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 young Black mare 3 years old	\$30.00
Two Cows and calves	20.00
8 Head of hogs old and young	11.25
4 old Sheep and one Lamb	9.00
One Feather Bed and furniture	20.00
Two small ditto one very old	30.00
One Cupboard	11.00
One old Bureau	12.00
Residue of Household and the kitchen furniture	12.00
Farming utensils including an old wagon	<u>15.00</u>
	\$170.25


He the said John Howe also declares on oath that he paid a debt due by him for work and labor due and performed for him with one of the Horses stated and valued in his first Schedule aforesaid. That his occupation is that of a Farmer but is unable thereby to obtain a livelihood owing to the infirmities of his advanced age and the breaking of his right arm and the fracturing the bones thereof about seven years ago which has brought on the Palsy in that arm and hand and owing also to the Palsy in the left arm and hand brought on by a catarrk [?]¹. That his family consists of his Wife Rachel aged about sixty years and a daughter named Isabella Howe aged about seventeen years that his son David boards with him and works for himself. That his Wife Rachel is now and has been a cripple for about eight years and is unable to walk one step even with assistance and there is no reasonable hope that she will ever Recover and that his said daughter Isabella is healthy active and industrious and is able to maintain herself but her services are indispensable in nursing and taking care of her said Mother and in keeping house for him the

said Howe and that his said wife and that he the said John Howe and his said Wife could not keep house without the assistance of their children and that were it not for their filial piety and attention they the said John and Rachel would have to rely on Charity or Starve.

S/ John Howe

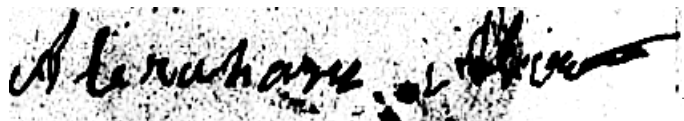
[p 10: On February 18, 1846 in Harrison County Indiana, Jacob R Hedden, 26, filed a declaration seeking a pension under the 1838 act on behalf of Rachel Howe, widow of John Howe, a revolutionary war pensioner; he states that he is the administrator of the estate of said Rachel Howe; that John Howe was pensioned for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$96 per year; he was inscribed on the pension roll of Kentucky; his pension was suspended but afterwards on March first 1824, he was restored to the pension list and drew his money at Lexington & lawful Kentucky until his death; that Rachel Howe, whose maiden name was Pindell) married John how about the 26th or 27th of July 1782; they were married by Mr. Taylor, a Baptist Preacher at a place called catfish camp near Washington County Pennsylvania; that John Howe died May 16, 1830 in Hardin County Kentucky; that John Howe had lived previous to moving to Hardin County in Shelby County Kentucky and prior to that in Jefferson County Kentucky and previous to that in Redstone country in Pennsylvania; that Rachel Howe died September 3rd, 1844 in Harrison County Indiana; that Rachel died intestate leaving the following children: Sarah Hedden, Abraham Howe, Daniel Howe, Isabella Thomas, Rachel Pindell, Eleanor Goodman, Isaac Howe & Jacob Howe

S/ J. R. Hedden

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. R. Hedden", written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 9: Finding by the clerk of the Harrison County Illinois court that Rachel Howe, the widow of John Howe, deceased, late of Hardin County Kentucky, is deceased and that she died survived by the following living children, Sarah Hadden, Abraham Howe, David Howe, Isabel Thomas, Rachel Pindell, Eleanor Goodman, Isaac Howe & Jacob Howe.]

[p 37: Affidavit dated April 20, 1846 given in Harrison County Indiana by Abraham Howe, 53, as of the first day of June 1845 in which he states that he is the son of John and Rachel Howe; he reiterates the family history of the death of his parents and authenticates the family record containing the births and names of the children of his parents; that said record was taken from a book which has been in the affiants possession for the last 16 years and is in the hand writing of his father

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abraham Howe", written in dark ink on a light background.

[p. 27: family record of the births of the children of the veteran and his wife:

Sarah born August 6, 1783

Anne or Anna born October 28, [illegible]

Mary born November 7, [illegible]

James born April 15, [illegible]

Elizabeth born June 12, [illegible]

Mileah born October 25, 1790

Abraham born June 1, 1792

William born June 25, 1794

Rachel born March 17, 1796

Isaac born August 12, 1797

Jacob born May 1, 1799

David born January 27, 1801

Eleanor born November 15, 1802

Isabel or Isabella born May 1, 1806

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 19, 1818, for service as a Sergeant for 3 years; his widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]

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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Howe VAS1625

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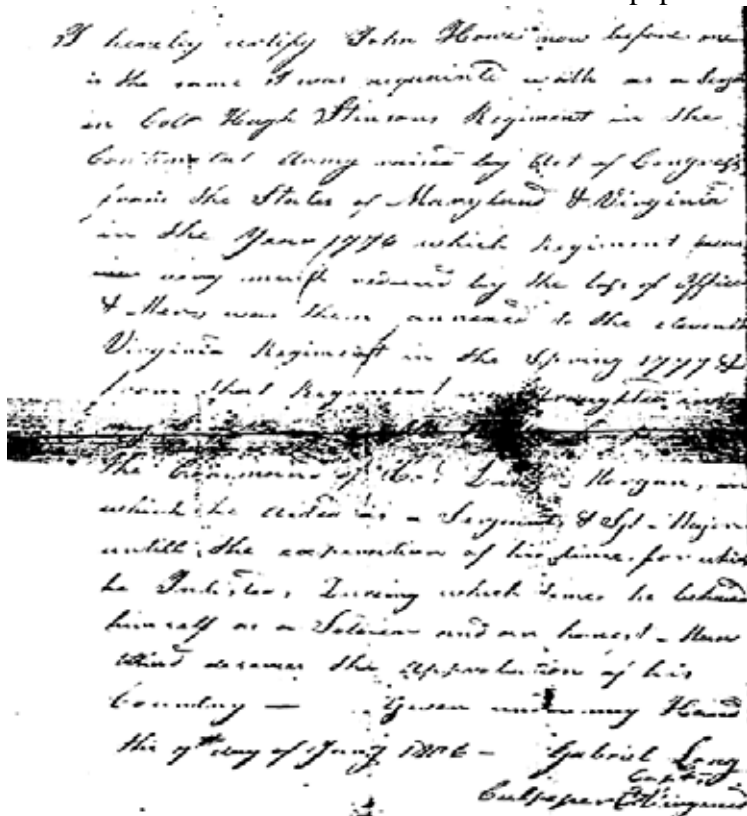
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I hereby certify that John how now before me is the same I was acquainted with as a Sergeant in Colonel Hugh Stinson's [Hugh Stephenson's] Regiment in the Continental Army raised by Act of Congress from the States of Maryland & Virginia in the year 1776 which Regiment was very much reduced by the laws of officers & Men was then annexed to the 11th Virginia Regiment in the Spring 1777 & from that Regiment was drafted into my [paper damaged and 2 lines of text rendered illegible as posted online] the Command of Colonel Daniel Morgan in which he acted as a Sergeant & Sergeant Major until the expiration of his time for which he Enlisted, During which times he behaved himself as a soldier and an honest Man who deserves the approbation of his Country – given under my hand the 7th day of January 1806

S/ Gabriel Long

Capt.

Culpeper C H Virginia



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State of Kentucky Hardin County to wit

This day [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] Personally appeared before me [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] Martin a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he is the John Howe for whom the [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] attached discharge was written and signed and that he enlisted for the term of three years and served until said term expired and he never has received his land warrant for such service.

S/ John Howe

- John Howe

[Acknowledged in Hardin County Kentucky September 20, 1824]

State of Kentucky Hardin County to wit

This day Robert Kinkade personally appeared before me Samuel Martin a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he has long been acquainted with the aforesaid John Howe who has subscribed to the above declaration and he well knows that he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be and that he was acquainted with him in the year 1777 – 1778 and 1779 in the service as is stated in the attached Discharge above and that he did fill the offices as is stated above.

S/ Robt. Kinkade¹

Robt Kinkade

[Acknowledged in Hardin County Kentucky September 20, 1824]

¹ [Robert Kinkade VAS1096](#)