

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Howell Underwood W19561

Elizabeth Underwood

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State of North Carolina, Franklin County} SS

On this 13th day of December A.D. 1841 personally appeared before me Joseph J. Williams one of the acting Magistrates in & for the County & State aforesaid, & a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, for said County (it being a Court of Record), Elizabeth Underwood, a resident of the said County of Franklin & State aforesaid, aged Eighty-One years, who, being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on her Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of Howell Underwood, who was a private in the Militia of North Carolina, in the Revolutionary War, and, served as such for the period of Twelve months, under Captain Joel Wren, Captain John White, Col. Benjamin Sewell [Benjamin Seawell]& the other officers.

She further declared that she was married to the said Howell Underwood on the 20th day of December 1777. That her husband, the aforesaid Howell Underwood died on the 1st day of June 1831, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

Test:

S/ J. J. Williams, JP

S/ Elizabeth Underwood, X her mark

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North Carolina, Franklin County} SS

John King¹ an old Revolutionary Soldier maketh Oath that he has always understood that Howell Underwood was a Militia Soldier, but that he does not know it of his own personal knowledge but he says on Oath, that, Elizabeth Willis was married to said Underwood, about the year 1777 -- & that they lived together as Husband & Wife until the said Howell's death which was about 10 years past & that his widow Elizabeth is now a widow & has never married since her said husband Howel Underwood died.

Given under my hand & seal this third paint December 1841

S/ J. J. Williams, JP

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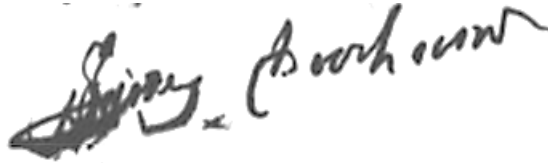
I Certify that I know that Howell Underwood did serve as a Militia Soldier for the Term of three

1 [John King R5962](#)

months in the Revolution, under Captain Joel Wren, Commencing the 11th day of May 1781 – I also Certify that Elizabeth Underwood is the Widow of said Howell Underwood & that said Howell is dead & has been dead about 10 years last past & that the said Elizabeth is now a widow & has never married since her said Husband Howell died. Given under my hand & Seal this 10th day of March 1842.

Sworn to & subscribed before us.

S/ James Durham²



S/ T. J. Tudkins, JP
S/ John P. Shearin, JP

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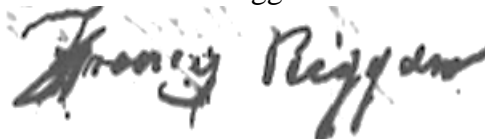
I Certify that I know that Howell Underwood did serve as a Soldier of the Revolution for the term of six months, he served with me from February 1781 – for three months & also served with me for three months more in the year 1781 – under Captain Jordan Harris & Captain ___ Turner [Nathan Turner] – I know the widow of said Howell & that she is now living & has not married since her husband Howell died.

The said Howell Underwood was with me at the Battle of Guilford C. H. [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781], N. C.

Sworn to & subscribed before us this 11th day of May 1842.

S/ T. J. Judkins, JP

S/ Francis Riggan³



S/ John P. Shearin, JP

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I Francis Riggan aged 78 Years, Certify on Oath that I was well acquainted with Howell Underwood, and that he served six months as a Private in the N. C. militia. That the said Underwood on the 10th day of February 1781 was drafted in Captain Jordan Harris's Company & served for three months ending the 10th day of May 1781. -- Afterwards to wit in the latter part of July 1781, the said Howell Underwood was again drafted for three months in Captain Turner's company & served out the same.

I know of the six months service of said Howell Underwood because he was with & served with me the whole time.

I also certify that Howell Underwood married Elizabeth Willis before he went in the Army & I know that Howell is dead & that his widow has never married since.

Given under my hand this 10th day of June 1842.

Sworn & subscribed before us.

S/ T. J. Judkins, JP

² [James Durham S8371](#)

³ [Francis Riggan S9054](#)

S/ Francis Riggan

S/ John P. Shearin, JP

[p 8: Copy of a marriage bond dated December 19, 1777 issued to Howel Underwood and Stephen Richards conditioned upon the marriage of Howel Underwood to Elizabeth Willis.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Private in the North Carolina militia for 6 months.]