

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Howard W3551      Margaret Howard      MD  
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This day personally appeared before the undersigned, presiding Judge of the Mason Circuit court in the State aforesaid, John Howard, a resident citizen of Mason county, in the said circuit, who being first sworn according to law, made on oath the following declaration, in order to obtain a pension agreeably to the provisions of the act of Congress passed at the last session, viz. That he enlisted as a private soldier on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of february 1778, in the county of Frederick, in the State of Maryland, and was attached to a company then commanded by Captain Archibald Anderson, which was attached to the second Maryland Regiment, on continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Thomas Price, but said company did not join said Regiment until it had marched to Wilmington in the State of Delaware. That said Regiment was marched to Valley forge, under Brigadier General [William] Smallwood. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June [28 Jun 1778]. that he was marched to the White Plains, and took up winter quarters at Middlebrook [NJ]. In 1779 he was marched to West Point, and assisted that summer and fall in erecting some additional works at that place, and went into winter quarters at Weaks farm, near Morris Town [Morristown], in New Jersey. That in the year 1780 he marched to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD], under Baron de Kalb, and proceeded from thence by water to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg], in Virginia, then to Rugely’s mill [sic: Rugeley’s Mill in SC], and was in the first battle of Campden at Gates’ defeat [sic: Battle of Camden, where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated], on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August [16 Aug 1780], after which he rendevoused at Hillsborough [sic: Hillsborough] in North Carolina. From thence he marched under [Gen. Daniel] Morgan, and fought with him at the battle of Cow-pens [Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781], and retreated with them to the river Dan, with the prisoners. From thence he marched under Green [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene] to near Hillsborough, where he was discharged from the service on the 25<sup>th</sup> of february 1781, having served out the full time for which he had enlisted. His discharge was signed by Lieutenant Ewing [possibly James Ewing] and Colo. Benjamin Ford, who then commanded the 2<sup>d</sup> Regiment. That his discharge was sent to Annapolis for the purpose of getting certificates for his pay &c. & never received it again. That he is now aged fifty eight years, and that by reason of his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support

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At a Court held for the Mason Circuit at the Courthouse thereof in the town of Washington, on Friday the 23<sup>d</sup> day of March in the year 1821

“John Howard produced in Court a declaration, in conformity to the act of Congress in that case made and provided, which having been sworn to in open Court, is ordered to be filed among the records of this Court. It is further ordered that it be certified to the Secretary of War that this court is of opinion, from the evidence of the said John Howard, sworn in open Court, that he is possessed of no property other than as is stated in his said declaration.” Which declaration is as follows.

Schedule

Mason Circuit Court    }  
1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District of Kentucky } SS.

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of March 1821, personally appeared in open court; being a Court of record for the said District. John Howard aged sixty one years an Itinerant, living alternately with his children in Kentucky and Ohio, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: – that he enlisted at Fredericktown Maryland with Colonel [Thomas] Price commanding the 2<sup>d</sup> Maryland Regiment, for three years, was attached to the company of Captain Anderson of said Regiment – he enlisted on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1778 and was discharged near to the Cowpens [sic] in North Carolina, by Colo. Benjamin Ford, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1781, that he

was in the battles of Monmouth, Gaites's defeat and the battle of the Cowpens, a declaration of which was made by him, the said John Howard before the Honorable A Beatty Judge of the aforesaid 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District of Kentucky, on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of May 1818, and that he the said John Howard received from the Department of War a certificate bearing date fourth of June 1819, on which he has received his pension of eight dollars per month up to the [blank] day of [blank], at the Branch Bank of the United States in Lexington, Kentucky. and I the said John Howard do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property of 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.

I have no land, nor have I any income whatever,

I have two cows worth \$12 each – no horse or mare	24.00
Two heifers worth \$6 each, One hog worth \$1	13.00
One pot worth \$1, one Kettle worth \$2	3.00
One skillet worth 5/3, one old dutch oven worth \$1	<u>1.87½</u>
This is all	\$41.87½

I have no trade or occupation, and am both diseased and disabled, labouring under rheumatism, and being ruptured, I have a wife also living with her children aged 60 or 61 years. she is only able to spin a little.

John Howard

NOTE: On 14 Nov 1853 Henry Howard, 62, applied for the pension to which his mother, Margaret Howard, was entitled as the widow of his father, John Howard. He stated that his father and mother, formerly Margaret Stallions, were married in Montgomery County MD in 1784, that his father died in Mason County on 18 Jan 1839, and his mother died there 24 Dec 1848, leaving the following children: John, Henry, and Richard Howard, Maxie Johnson, and Cynthyana Reed.