

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Howard W3556

Nancy Howard

f56SC

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State of Tennessee, Morgan County

On this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared before the worshipful court of pleas and quarters session in and for the County of Morgan aforesaid which is a court of record John Howard a resident citizen of the County of Morgan aforesaid in the state of Tennessee aged sixty six years on the eleventh day of February last, agreeable his record which he formerly kept though he has not had any record for Twenty four years, Last past he having left his record of his age in Kentucky Christian County, but he distinctly recollects that agreeable to his said record and the accounts of his parents that he was born February the eleventh one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States toward the end of the Revolutionary he entered said service in Lawrence [sic, Laurens] County South Carolina when he was only in his fifteenth year of age he entered said service as a private Volunteer Indian spy to serve six months tour under Captain Berry [sic, William Barrey] his first name not remembered and Lieut. William Brown and marched to Gilbert's Fort near the Cherokee Boundary he entered said service the precise time not recollected but well recollects that it was in the Early part of Spring and thinks about the first of April, he stationed at said fort the full term of six months ending in the fall of one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one, the precise day he got dismissed from service not recollected but he thinks it was about the first of October he was verbally discharged by his said Capt. and returned home, applicant has no documents any Evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service applicant was born in Lawrence County South Carolina and continued there near twenty years after the war and then moved to Christian County Kentucky and staid here nine years and then moved to Knox County Tennessee and staid there five years and then moved to where he now lives in Morgan County Tennessee though it was Roan County [Roane County] when he first came to where he now lives applicant states that there is no clergyman any place near or within his neighborhood and it is out of his power to provide one without great Trouble applicant thinks he can prove his reputation as a man of veracity And as a soldier By George S. Kington, Robert A. Dabney, Elijah Lavender and his neighbors generally, applicant hereby relinquishes Every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity Except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Rolls of agency of any State.

S/ John Howard



Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid  
S/ Thomas S. Lea, D.C.

We Joseph Holloway, John Green residing in the County of Morgan State of Tennessee do certify that we are well acquainted with John Howard who has subscribed and sworn the foregoing Declaration, that we believe him to be upwards of sixty six years of age as he has stated and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides To have been a soldier of the Revolution and a man of veracity and that we concur in the same opinion, with them and that that belief is general.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/Thomas S. Lea, D. C.

S/ Joseph Holloway, X his mark

S/ John Green, X his mark

[p 9: On March 23, 1853, in Morgan County Tennessee, Nancy Howard, 70, widow of John Howard, made application for her pension as a Widow of a revolutionary soldier; that her husband died April 7th, 1851 in Morgan County Tennessee; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Howard. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: Copy of the marriage bond issued in Knox County Tennessee to John Howard and Peter Bowmer on January 29, 1810 to secure the marriage of John Howard to Nancy Howard.]

[p 6: On April 11, 1855 in Morgan County Tennessee, Nancy Howard, 70, filed a claim for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Howard, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married her husband about 42 years ago in Knox County Tennessee; she makes reference to the papers she filed in connection with her pension application dated November 19, 1853.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing July 27, 1868.]

[Note: The widow survived until after the Civil War. She applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefit after the end of the war. The file contains a number of documents relating to that application.]