

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John W. Howe (How) W8938

Mary Ann Howe

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State of Kentucky Greenup County Sct.

On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of the County aforesaid John W Howe a resident of the County of Greenup & State of Kentucky aged 80 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 and in the fall of that year, the particular date he does not recollect, and served in the first Regiment of the Virginia State line, and the first company of said Regiment which was a rifle company & under the following named officers, to wit, William Campbell was the name of his Captain, who afterwards, was in the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], Daniel Trigg his first Lieutenant, Alexander Cummins his 2nd Lieutenant & Georgia Lambert was the name of his Ensign, Patrick Henry was our Colonel & William Christian Lieutenant Colonel, Patrick Henry resigned shortly after this Applicant enlisted & Christian took his place from the best recollection of this declarant. He states that he resided in Fincastle [County] when he enlisted, which County is now called Montgomery in the State of Virginia, He was in no particular action but was in a number of skirmishes. He states he was mostly engaged in guarding the coasts (ie) while belonging to the rifle company. We rendezvoused at New London & marched to Williamsburg, we remained there a short time & then marched to Hampton & from thence to Williamsburg & again down to Hampton & after being engaged in guarding the coast there a while we marched to Hogg Island, Jamestown, & Williamsburg – from the last mentioned place we were called to March down to Gwinn Island, this deponent thinks in July 1776 but on arriving there, found that the Colonel Charles Scott of the 2nd Regiment had got there and accomplished what we were called on to do, the evening before we reached there. We then marched back to Williamsburg, where this applicant received his discharge, which he has long since lost. He served under the aforesaid enlistment ten months he is certain & he thinks ten and a half, he had enlisted for twelve months, but was discharged a few weeks short of the twelve months on account of bad health.

He further states that in the year 1778 he was appointed as a spy, in the spring of the year by Colonel William Preston, for the term of two years and served that term out with the exception of the winter & spring, but can with safety make oath that he served in the capacity of a spy six months in each of the said years, At the time he was appointed a spy he belonged to Captain Cloyd's [Joseph Cloyd's] Company and resided in Montgomery County Virginia.

He further states that in the year 1774 he entered the militia service as a volunteer in Montgomery County Virginia, under Captain James Robinson, & was stationed at Woods Fort, and rendezvoused at Camp Union since called Louisburg & marched to the mouth of the Kanaway [Kanawha] River against the Indians & arrived at that place on the night of the same day that Colonel Lewis defeated the Indians, at the mouth [of Kanawha].

Having received intelligence while yet 15 or 20 miles that the battle was going on, we made a push & arrived there late at night, we remained at the mouth of Kanawha sometime, After the battle the Indians treated, one a tribe called Mingoos, refused or failed to come in, & this applicant volunteered with others to go against their town where we killed several & took some prisoners, After having traveled one hundred miles distance from mouth of Kanawha & performed the last mentioned service we returned again to that place, This party was commanded by Colonel Crawford [probably William Crawford] who was afterwards murdered by the Indians. He served four months this tour & was discharged at the mouth of Kanawha, which discharge is also lost. He would remark for the information of the department &c that, if the rolls of the Virginia state troops are preserved, his name may be there written John Howe instead of John W Howe as he cannot recollect whether the W was then inserted in his name or not. He states that he has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person by whom he can make proof of his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid


S/ John W. Howe



[Thomson Ward and George N Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On March 16, 1841 in Greenup County Kentucky, Mary Ann How, 75, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John W How, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him September 19, 1782 in Montgomery County, Virginia; that her husband died April 30, 1835; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p. 8: at the same time as the widow's application, James Warnock, 59, (relationship to the widow of not stated) gave a supporting affidavit.



[p 8: On March 17th, 1841 in Greenup County Kentucky, Mrs. Elizabeth How, 38, (relationship not stated) also gave an affidavit in support of the widow's application; this witness authenticated the family record as transcribed and posted below; that the record is in the hand writing of John W Howe; and that the record has been in the affiants possession since 1734 [sic, presumably 1834].



[p 4: family record set forth in a History of Scotland:

September 12, 1783 Joseph Howe was born

May 22nd 1784 Rebekah Howe as born

April 11th, 1787 Elinor Howe was born

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]