

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Stephen Howard W8949 Elizabeth Howard MD
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 8 May 2021.

State of Vermont }
Franklin County }

On this 27th day of March AD 1818 before me William Brayton one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont, personally appears Stephen Howard aged Sixty three years resident in the Town of Swanton in the County of Franklin & State of Vermont, 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 on the 17th day of September AD 1776 in the State of Maryland he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt Roxburgh [probably Alexander Roxburg] in the Regiment commanded by Colo Adams [Peter Adams BLWt372-450] in the first Brigade of the Maryland line of the Army of the United States on the continental establishment for the term of three years or during the war, that he continued to serve in said corps until the month of August 1780 when he was taken prisoner [at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and was detained a prisoner in Charlestown [Charleston] in South Carolina in prison ship Elizabeth six months twelve days and was then pressed into the British navy [see first endnote] was kept in service sixteen years and then deserted from the British in 1796 at Dutchman point [also known as Blockhouse Point on North Hero Island VT in Lake Champlain] and has ever since resided in and been a Citizen 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 now in his power of his said services.

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, May 31st 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Stephen Howard enlisted as a Private in the First Maryland Regiment, on the Twenty First day of June 1779 and on the 16th August 1780 Missing Thos. Karney Aud. S.M.

STATE OF VERMONT. } Franklin County Supreme Court of Judicature July Adj'd Term 1820
Franklin COUNTY, SS. } ON this Eleventh day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court,
being the Supreme Court of said state, for the County of Franklin and a Court of Record for said State & County having the Power of fine and Imprisonment Stephen Howard aged 65 years, resident in Swanton in said County, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows: – (to wit) for four years and six months from Sept'r. 17th 1776 to March 1781 in Capt. Roxburgh Company in Colo. Adams's Regiment in the Maryland line being the first Reg't. of said line my first declaration is dated March 27th 1818. my Pension Certificate is No 11,621

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, 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 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 an income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. 100 acres of land with five acres of improvement and a log house held by a lease at the rent of twelve dollars fifty cents per year and seventy five [page torn] the land is forfeited at Law for non payment of rent and an action of Ejectment is now pending by my landlord against me to obtain possession Value of Equity of Redemption Nothing. 1 yoke three year old Steers 40.00 one Calf 5.00, 13 Sheep 13.00, 2 Hogs 8.00 I owe debts besides the rent afore to the amount of Eighty dollars

Stephen Howard

I am by occupation a Farmer. by reason of a wound I Rec'd. in the war and Rheumatism I not able to labour but little my family consists of my wife Elizabeth aged 52 years a cripple unable to labour and four Children towit my son Alexander aged 16 years my daughter Catharine aged 14 years and my Daughter Susan aged 12 years and my daughter Chloe aged 10 years all as able to labour as Children in general but are all small of their age.

Stephen Howard

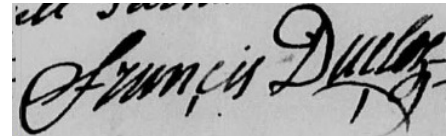
Mr J. C. Cahoun Esqir [sic: John C. Calhoun] Secretary of war Washington

Sir with submission and with Profound Respects permit me to aprize you of old pensioners who should not be allowed to Drow thairs Pensions.

Jonathan Danforth [S38650; see endnote] of georga [sic: Georgia] town; vermont he is know in possession of a good farm worth two thousand Dollars besides a good Stock of Catles and horses which property is Smugled in the hands of his childriens about him, I, refer you Sir to the Selects man in the town of georga where he Live and enjoy and Contrôle the Saime, the other is Stephen howard of Sowanton Franklin County and State of vermont he ran a way from the virginia Line in 78 and Leasted in the british army and soon after he was raised to the ranke of Serjant and served as such until the year 1801 in the 60 Reg't of Foot than Desarted from the blockhouse could [called] Dautche man point where he comanded at that post upward of one month before he Desarted and come to Swanton where he as Lived Evér since I sow the above Stephen howard in montreal and the isle aux nôix [Isle aux Noix] often when he acted as such even after the war was over and the out post Deliverd to use he may plead that he was taken prisonier Evén had he ben taken prisonier he had a thousand chancés to ran a way if he had bin á mind; but to Escape [undeciphered word] honést he run a way and Laf his post, that I can prouvé he has often told me while at work for me how he work it to ran á way to the States these are the Caractors that Drow pension from the united States and I, who as sofered by repeted wôunds and Imprisonmément even in time of pease by that crouéll nation I have bin robed of two comission and upard of 4000^d I am no redused to a morsail of bread that I must work for or beg, the Lord gavet and Lord taked á way blesead be the Name of the Lord For Ever amen Sir I remain [page torn] most Duty Full Sarvant and Frien

Francis Duclos [S22220; see endnote]

Sheldon January 9th 1822



War Department/ Pension Office/ Jan'y. 23rd 1822

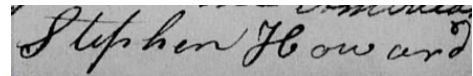
Sir [Stephen Howard, Swanton VT], It is stated in a letter to this Department that you deserted from the Virginia Line of the Army, in the year 1778 and entered into the British service. If such be the fact, you can no longer receive a pension. Until it be satisfactorily proved, that the statement is erroneous, your pension will be suspended.

By order of the Secretary of War. I am, respectfully, / Yr. Obt. Sert./ J L Edwards [Chief Pension Clerk]

Swanton Vt February 12th 1822

I Stephen Howard of Lawful age do testify and say that in the spring of 1778 I was doing duty as a private soldier in the first Maryland regiment at Philadelphia, in the fore part of the summer I was sent from there with hessian prisoners to Elizabeth town New Jersey from thence I was sent to West Point where I remained under Lieut Hugo [possibly Thomas B. Hugo W9328] till the spring of 79 when I was sent to buttermilk falls where I remained till fall and then Marched to Morristown for winter quarters and as soon as our hutts were done we (the Maryland line) were ordered to march to Charlestown South Carolina we proceeded on our March as far as Cambden where on the 16th of August 1780 I was wounded & taken prisoner by the British, after I was taken prisoner I was conveyed to charlestown and put on board a British Prison Ship and from thence I was Pressed on board a man of War, with four more American

soldiers, from whence I escaped by desertion I further testify and say that I never enlisted into the service of the British nor did I ever desert from the American Service



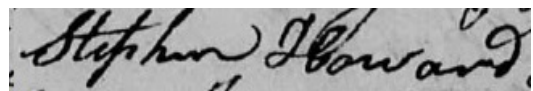
[The following is in the handwriting of Stephen Howard.]

Swanton March 2nd 1822

To his Excelencey the Secretary of War

Sir, Mr. Edwards in forms me that sum person Or persons has stated that I was a Deserter from the americkin army in 78 wich I Can afarm to be fals it is a sartin set of men that wants to Hurt me all thay Can and was mad with me when I and my Boys Listed in this Last war [War of 1812] and warned [sic: warned] me out of town when I Cam back out of the serves and said I had Lost my Resedence beCose I went in to the serves of my Countrey for five years the sam persons that has stated this agantst me was smugler all the war and feding the Enemy With pervisions and hay wich thay took out of my Barn and when I Cam back and spock to them consaring it thay ware mad with me and has Down me all the harm thay Could Ever since I Cam back but I can in form you where I was from 76 to the 16 of August 1780 in 78 I was in philidelfy Doing Duty and 79 I went with prisoners to Elabethtown to go to Lankester [sic: Lancaster PA] to be Exchanged and from there to west point and hept Leut. huego who was Engen nare [engineer] to Bild the Block houses at west point and Lay at Buttermilk fals till Lat in the fall under General Putman and General Smallwood [sic: Israel Putnam and William Smallwood] and in the fall of 79 we went to morstown to Beld huts for winter quarts and as soon as we got them Down we were orderd to march to Chalstown that was beCheged by Cornwals and Clinton [sic: Gen. Henry Clinton] wich we Did untill we met the Britch trups at Camden on the 15th of august in the yeare Eighty and on the 16th we had a batle with them where I was wonded and taken prisoner, under the Command of General Gats [sic: Horatio Gates] and I fothermore sertife that I never was absent from the Compainey one moment from the 17th September 76 untill the 16th august in Eighty without I was on Duty with a officer I was in Capt'n Rocksborghs Company 3 year and 11 months in one Company and in one Reg't all the tim so them that has stated this aganst me stats that is not true I am willing to Com before all the men in the world and bed Defence be fore all men that I am not the man and I never was in the Virgeney trups in my Live nor Every Ded Duty with them for thay ware taken in Chalstown and I was taken at Camden sum time after I beLong to the mereland trups all my time in the 1rd mereland Reg't. und Col. adams and mager winder [Maj. Levin Winder] and my Capt'n so I could find them out but if I was a deserter In 78 how cam I to be taken prisoner in the yeare Eighty fiting aganst the Brichch wish I have faut agenst all my Life and all ways shall it is to well non that I am to good a solder for my country and to stornng a Repoplikng [republican] to Ever Desirt my Colers but this I will Denice all my Life if I Die for want it never will make me fly my Countrey I have given your Honor a Detail of my Life before and there is not one man in the world can say to the Contray of what I say for I have gon though the hole I state I am willing to com before your honer if you Require it, you may beLive them if you plese but I Remain a good old Solder of Seventy Six under General George Washington three years and a 11 months So Long Live the Consation [Constitution] of the unntited states of amarekey so I Remain your Humble servant

and old solder of seventy six } Stephen Howard Late
} Serj't 6th Infarnty



March 5th 1822^d

Sir [Secretary of War] Accompanying this is the letter of Duclas [Francis Duclos] which [undeciphered word] Stephen Howards being suspended from the pension roll, and Howards evidence forwarded with a view of doing away the effects of that letter. I hope you will have the goodness to examine them when other more important business will permit. I will only add that Howards character to say the least, stands as fair as Duclas's and while the latter seems to discover the mote in his neighbors eye

he forgets the beame in his own this same Duclass lost his property and became poor by violating the laws of his Country In 1815 he was convicted fined & imprisoned for driving or attempting to drive fat Cattle into Canada during the war and released from his imprisonment by the interposition of the President. my knowledge of either party extends back but a few years

Yours very Respectfully Jas Fiske

[The following is marked "received 25 June 1822."]

To the Hon. Secretary at War

Your humble petitioner representeth to your Honour that under the late law of the United States, allowing a pension to the soldiers of the revolutionary War your petitioner was placed on the pension list and for a time received his pension – but since that time your petitioner received from the War department a letter informing him, that it had been represented to that department, that your petitioner was a deserter from the American forces in the year 1778. This charge is untrue, false & cruel coming from a source to me secret & unknown. And had not Old Age crept upon me, and wholly destitute of pecuniary means I could look up some of my comrads in the army who could prove every word I herein after state.

In the year 1776 I lived with my Paents in Leonardstown [Leonardtowntown] in the State of Maryland when I enlisted as a soldier for the term of three years or dureing the War under one Capt. [John] Lynch of whose company one Hackett was Lieutenant, and immediately went into service. As Capt. Lynch was a recruiting Officer I was put into Capt. Roxbourgh's Comp'y from this time I was often entrusted by my officers to go in the recruiting service and dureing the fall of 1776 and year 1777 was at Port Tobacco, Anapolis, Baltimore & at the head of the Elk [now Elkton MD] where we were billeted out. In the spring of 1778 was at Philadelphia from where on routs to one place & another we were marched to Newburgh – from thence by New Windsor where we took boats to West Point from thence we were marched to a place call Butter Milk falls where the Maryland line lay dureing that season. Our General Officers at this time were Gen'l. Putnam & Gen'l. Smallwood. I was often detached on duty to Assist in building Block houses at West Point under one Lieut Hugo who acted as engineer. After this that part of the Army to which I belonged was order to march to Morristown in New Jersey for Win[ter] quarters which we effected altho almost destitute of shoes & clothing through bad roa[ds] & deep snows. Shortly after we had comple[ted] our huts, we received orders to march to reinforce Charleston in South Carolina which was besieged by Cornwallis. We immediate[ly] marched to the head of the Elk, where we were put into boats and went to Anapolis where we took in provisions and from thence proceded to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] in Virginia – from thence we marched to a place called Parson's Farm [21 Jun 1780] in North Carolina – at this place Gen'l. Gates who then commanded ordered a halt to refresh the teams which were much worn down by drawing the Artillery. At this place we received information that Charlston was given up [12 May 1780] even severall of the Officers Ladies with their baggage passed us at this place. From this we marched to a place called Roodsleys Mills [sic: Rugeley's Mills about 12 mi N of Camden] in South Carolina where a halt was ordered and shortly Gen'l. Gates issued an order (on the 15th August) that at nine oclock in the night instead of the tatoo the Generale should be beat [see endnote], and that every soldier should divest himself of all baggage, his gun, cartouch box & cantine of water excepted – in the night we marched about half way to Camden where we met the enemy near a place called Gum Swamp a skirmish ensued with the advance guards the next morning a general action took place the Americans were defeated. Gen'l. De Calve [sic: Baron De Kalb] was mortally wounded. Capt Lynch under whom I enlisted Lieut. Herchel[?] & Capt Roxbourgh under whom I was among many others were taken prisoners – the officers were paroled, but the privates were retained as prisoners – in this action I received a wound in my leg was carried prisoner to Charlston, and then put on board of a Prision Ship where I remained seven months from thence was carried to the West Indies and pressed on board of a Brittish Man of War from which I made my escape to the shore but was again taken & put into the land service, and there kept 13 years until a favourable opportunity arrived when stationed on Lake Champlain I left his Majesty's service for my native country. I arrived into the State of Vermont where I have since resided except that dureing the late War I enlisted into the 11th regiment under the late Colo. [Isaac] Clark

of Vermont and was appointed an Orderly Sergeant and served during the war, when I was ordered to Springfield from thence to New York when (being advanced in years) at my request discharged I could have been much more particular as to minor circumstances & events but that not best to waste your Excellency's time.

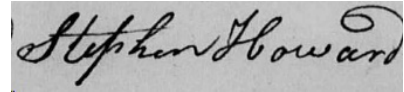
I would now ask your Excellency how it is possible I could have deserted in the year 1778 when I am able to state where I was, the march of the troops, their different stations until their arrival at Camden in August AD 1780?

No may it please your Excellency I never was absent from my company for three years & 11 months unless on the recruiting service or on fatigue – nor guilty of desertion unless leaving the British into whose service I had been pressed after 13 years detention to return to my own country is desertion I believe it was stated that I deserted from the Virginia line. I would observe that I was never in or saw the Virginia line until I was a prisoner in Charleston but was always in Capt. Roxborough's Comp'ny of the Maryland line.

Is it not possible that Stephen Howard who is represented to have deserted is another person than me.

I therefore humbly pray your Excellency to replace me on the pension list from which I have been suspended by reason of misrepresentations to your department

As in duty shall every pray –



I Lawrence Brow of North Hero in the County of Grand Isle do testify & say that I was in the British service in the A.D. 1780 at Charlestown South Carolina that in the same year Stephen Howard now living in Swanton was brought in then a prisoner from the American Service that I understood he was taken at Camden, that I went with the s'd Stephen from thence to Fort Augusta in the Island of Jamaica where I left the s'd Stephen a prisoner.

Swanton July 13th 1822

Lawrence his Xmark Brow

I Joseph Beeman of Fairfax County of Franklin & State of Vermont Late Captain in the 11th Regiment United States Infantry Certify and say that I am personally acquainted with Stephen Howard of Swanton in said County – he said Howard, belonged to the Company under my command in the Late war [War of 1812] & in consequence of his good behaviour & his knowledge as a military man I gave him the appointment of Orderly Sergeant of said company, he always did his duty faithfully & with dispatch. I always had the fullest confidence in his fidelity & strict honesty – while he was under my command I often heard him say that he was born in the State of Maryland and in the Revolutionary war belonged to the first Regiment of Continental troops of said State

Dated St Albans December 18th 1822

[signed] Joseph Beeman

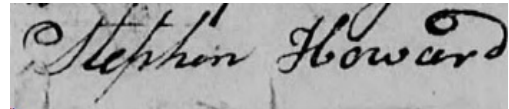
[The following is in the handwriting of Stephen Howard.]

Swanton Ja'y 25th 1823

To Mr. Samuel C. Crafts Sir

Where as I have been accused of Deserting my [undeciphered word] in the Old Revolutionary war I am cut off from my pension by some Enemy who I know not but as I Never Did absent myself from My Company one moment from my Company in my Life I enlisted in the 1st Maryland Reg't for three years or during war and served in one Company and under one Capt'n for three years and Eleven months from the 17th Sept'r. in 76 until the 16th Aug's't. in the year 80 at which time I was taken prisoner and wounded and taken to Charleston and put on Board of a prisoner ship and I can prove that I never Did Desert my [undeciphered word] I have sent two petitions [petitions] to the Secretary stating the truth And if I have done any thing out of the way I am willing My Country should punish me for it but I think hard that I should fight for my Liberty and be taken for Countreys sake [sake] and then be lied [lied] on by some anonymous Enemy I wish to now the man that has stated this thing against me I hope that Mr. Crafts will see that these petitions is taken up and give me answer as soon as possible and What I shall do further about it

as I am now in my 67th yeare of my age and not verely well I ned not state what is in my pertitions as you [undeciphered word] will see them and I have found two men that was with me when I was taken prisoner at Camden under the command of General Gats where General De Calve was kid you will find all my Rote in my pertion and there is no Man Can Denie one word of it. I Dont now but Mr Edwards has got one of my pertions and the Secretary has got one I wish you to take up Both and Examain them though and see if you find Eneything out of the trouth if there is be so godd as to Let me now where and what it is as I am Redy to acount for Eney thing amis but in 78 and 79 I was bilding block hoses at west point under Leut. hughgo and went Recruiting to philedely [Philadelphia] in the winter and in the fal of 79 we marched from butter milk falls under the Command of General Putman and General Small Wood to Morestown to Bild our huts and after we got them Down we ware orderd to march to Reinfose Chalstown that was beched by Lord Corn Wals. and I was taken at Camden 16th aug'st in 80. I wish you to be so good as to Rite what I shall Do farther and in so Doing you will oblige your Humble Servant and old solder of Seventy Six



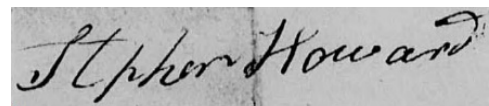
The following appears to have been written by Howard.]

I enlisted in the 1st Maryland Reg't. with Capt Lynch and served under him until I joined Capt Roxburgs Company at West Point I enlisted for 3 years a during the war and was in the service from 17th Sept'r 76 untill 16 augs't 80 then I was wonded and taken prisoner under the Command of Gen'l Gates at Camden and taken to Chalstown and put on board of a prison Ship until the 1st March 81. When I enlisted I was to have 40 Shilings a month maryland Currency and Clothed and was to have 200 acres of Land in the state of Maryland and am now drawing a pension for that serves I had no withness only the Clark[?] at the war office was my withness Mr J. L. Edwards tell you is I. Do [undeciphered word] I Reman yours
[signed] S. H.

[On same page in different handwriting.] State of New York County of Clinton Ss. Stephen Howard a resident of chazy in said county being duly sworn says that the facts stated and set forth within & above, are true, and further that the annexed is a Copy of his Pension Certificate, & that Deponant knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service in the Revolutionary war. He is confient his statements will be fully corroborated by the muster Rolls, his enlistment, abstracts, company books, & moving reports, of the companies commanded by Capts Roxburg & Lynch. Deponant further says that Captain Lynch was a recruiting officer, and belonged to the first maryland Regiment & Deponant served under him from the 17th Sept. 1776 till he joined Capt Roxburgs Company at west Point in the year 1778 & that the annexed Papers signed by Depo contains a true statement of facts. Deponant may be mistaken as to the time [two illegible words] Capt Roxburg's Company; but he is positive that he enlisted on the 17th Sept. 1776 and was in actual service from that time till Aug 16, 1780 & further saith not. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of Dec'r 1833

& I certify that Deponant is a credible person.

J Douglas Woodward/ Notary Public

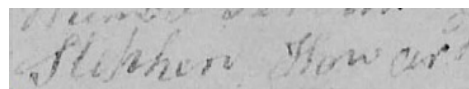


[Howard signed another statement on the same day that adds no new information.]

[The following, evidently written by Howard about 1838, is a petition to the Maryland legislature for bounty land.]

I in lusted with Capt Lench 17th Sept'r 1776 and went to Lower marlboh [sic: Lower Marlboro] from there to port tabaco, from there to uper marlborh [sic: Upper Marlboro] from there to anapolis from there Baltimore from there to the hed of Elk from there to Cristen brige [sic: Christiana Bridge DE] from there willminto [sic: Wilmington DE] from there to terenton [sic: Trenton] from there to philadalfay from

there to Elezbtown with sum Britche prisoners from there to New wenzler [sic: New Windsor NY] from there to west point from there to Buttermilk falls under the Command of Gen'l Putman and Gen'l Smallwood from there to Valeforge [sic: Valley Forge] from there to moristown and Bilt our huts for winter quarters but was orderd to March under the Command of Gen'l Gats in 79 to Reinfose Chalstown then beseged by Cornallies and Clinton and met the Britch troops 7 Mils from Camlen and on the 16th of augs't in the yeare 80 I was taken Prisoner and wonded and taken to Chalstown and Pot on bord of a prison shipe where I stad 7 monts and on the 1st March 81 I and 4 more young flows [fellows?] was taken on bord of a 90 gun ship and went Down by the west Enges to Halifax [Nova Scotia] and up to quebeck [Quebec] from there up to St Johns [St-Jean] and there I Run away from them to my own Country again and have Livd in Swanton and St Albans for 37 years and have been in Chazy york State 8 years and am Drawing a pinean for my serves and was out with Col. I. Clark this Last war for 5 yeare a Sarg't in plase of abetter but never got my Land for the old war yet from maryland I was to had 200 zares [acres?] from the State of Maryland where I was bornd and Brot up till I went into the Serves of my Countrey for 3 yeare or douring war with Ge'l Geo Washington and was with him till I Left him at Moristown and went under the Command of Ge'l Gats as I said before and now I am 75 years of age and if I Coude get that Land that is Due me it would help me much So I Remmin your Humble Servant and old Solder of 76 Stephen Howard Lat Serg't 11th Regt

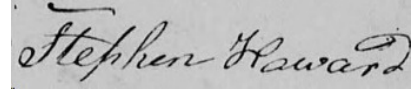
A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Stephen Howard". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

To the Legislature of the State of Maryland

The Petition of Stephen Howard a resident of Chazy in the State of New York respectfully sheweth.

That your Petitioner is now seventy five years of age and was born in the town of Leonard St. Mary's County Maryland on the fourteenth day of June 1758. Your Petitioner had a record of his age in his bible made more than forty eight years ago which record was burnt with his house at Swanton Vt. in 1816. Your Petitioner has now a record of his age in his bible made in that year. Your Petitioner further sheweth that he resided at Leonard in the State of Maryland and enlisted at that place on the seventeenth day of September 1776 as a private into Capt Roxburg's Company (Capt Lynch was the recruiting officer who enlisted him) Col. Smallwoods first Maryland Regiment for three years or during the war. That your Petitioner served in said Company and Regiment four years (less thirty one days) and until August 16th 1780 when he was wounded in battle at Camden South Carolina (at the time of Gen'l Gates defeat) and was taken a Prisoner of war by the British Troops under Lord Cornwallis. Your Petitioner was carried prisoner of war to Charleston South Carolina and remained on board a British Prison ship until March 1781 seven months & fourteen days, was taken from thence to Kingston in the West Indies and there kept on board a British vessel for three years and was taken from thence to Halifax, thence to Quebec, thence to St. Johns, from which latter place your Petitioner effected his escape on the sixteenth day of April 1786 & came into the United States, where he has ever since resided. He was placed on the Pension Roll of the New York agency in the year 1819 since which time he has received his Pension. That he enlisted under the promise and expectation of receiving two hundred acres of land from the state of Maryland, but your Petitioner has never received any land whatever from the United States or from the State of Maryland or any equivalent therefor, (There was due to your Petitioner at the time he was taken prisoner seven months arrearages of pay which he has never received) In the year 1832 your Petitioner caused a Petition to the Legislature of Maryland to be drawn up and forwarded to George G Brewer Esq Register of the land office Annapolis from which your Petitioner has received no returns. Your Petitioner insists that he is entitled to receive from the State of Maryland the same quantity of land which has been granted to Soldiers of the Maryland line, and that the facts set forth by your Petitioner explain the reason why your Petitioners name was not returned with those entitled to land. Your Petitioner therefore prays your honorable body to pass a law for his relief authorising him to receive from the State

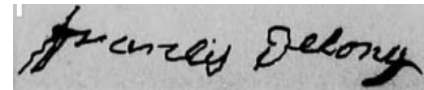
of Maryland a grant of two hundred acres of land on account of his revolutionary services or for such other relief as to your honorable body shall deem proper to grant And will ever pray &c
Dated Chazy N.Y Sept. 14 1833



State of New York

Clinton County Ss [4 March 1840]

Personally appeared before the undersigned [William Hedding] a Judge in and for said County Francis Delong [pension application S34741] known to me to be a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States and being sworn by me according to law says That he was a Prisoner at Charleston South Carlina in the year 1780 & 1781 about ten months under the Brittish and that Stephen Howard a U.S. Pensioner was a prisoner at Charleston at the same time and that deponant and the said Stephen Howard was transported from thence by the Brittish forces and landed at fort Augusta in Jimacia together, being then prisoners of war and further sais not [see endnote]



State of New York } [2 Dec 1844]

County of St Lawrence Ss } Francis Delong of Morrystown in the said county aged eighty five years, being duly sworn says that he was a prisoner of war at Charleston South Carolina in 1780 & 1781 for about ten months and that Stephen Howard decased late a resident of Chazy New York and a pensioner of the United States (who had been wounded at the battle of Camden) was also a prisoner of war at Charleston aforesaid during the time aforesaid and was transported with the deponent by the British forces to a place called Kingston on the Island of Jamaica and was there a prisoner of war with this deponent. And this deponent further says that while on the aforesaid Island of Jamaica to wit about the year 1784 or 1785 [sic: see endnote] at Spanish Town about 14 miles from Kingston aforesaid the said Stephen Howard was married to Elizabeth Ray with whom this deponent was well acquainted, that the said marriage was solemnized by a minister of the Gospel whose name deponent does not remember but that this deponent distinctly recollects the time of the marriage, was at the same place and that there were several persons who attended the said ceremony of marriage. This deponent further says that the said Stephen Howard and Elizabeth Ray lived together as husband and wife and had several children and he this deponent verily believes they continued to live together to the period of the said Stephen Howards death which is understood to have taken place on the sixth day of March 1843.

This deponent further says that he deponent has been well acquainted with said Howard and his wife ever since the Revolutionary war and during their residence in Chazy aforesaid and has been informed and fully believes that a certificate of the said Marriage was burned & destroyed by fire together with said Howards dwelling house at Chazy aforesaid in the fall of 1833. And this deponent further says that he this deponent was in the service of the United States seven years during the Revolutionary War, that the said Howard was during that time also in the same service and remained in the said service as this deponent believes some time longer. and further this deponent says not Francis hisXmark Delong

State of New York

County of Clinton SS. On this third day of March 1845 before the subscriber First Judge of the County Court of said County personally appeared Elizabeth Howard a resident of Chazy in said County aged Seventy Six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the laws of the United States. That she is the widow of Stephen Howard who was a private in the first Maryland Continental Regiment, and served therein as she is informed and believes for more than three years. She has heard him say that he was enlisted at Leonard

Maryland in Sept 1776 into Col Smallwoods first Maryland Regt. for three years or during the war, and that he served in that Company & Regiment four years less one month, and while in such service, and engaged in the battle of Camden, he was wounded and taken a prisoner by the Enemy, and carried to Charleston South Carolina, and put on board a British Prison Ship, where he remained until March 1781 seven months and a half, when he was taken to Kingston in the West Indies, and remained there about three years. During said time, viz on some day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four [sic] at the place aforesaid she the said Elizabeth was married to the said Stephen Howard by a Bishop whose name she does not recollect. He gave her a Certificate of marriage which she kept until the month of October 1833 when it was burnt, and destroyed by fire together with her dwelling house at Chazy aforesaid. She also had a record of her said marriage in her family bible which was likewise burnt at the time & place aforesaid. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Ray. In the year 1786 her said husband effected his escape from the British and came into the United States where he resided up to the period of his death. She further declares that her said Husband was a pensioner under the act of March 18, 1818 at \$96 per annum, and placed on the Roll of the Vermont agency in 1819 and afterwards transferred to the New York agency. He went on a visit from his residence in Chazy to Hemmingford Lower Canada and died there at the House of his son on the sixth day of March 1843 leaving the said Elizabeth Howard a widow, and she still remains a widow & unmarried.

She further declares that she has no record of her husbands service nor of her marriage, and that her marriage took place previous to January 1, 1794 viz at the time above stated.

Elizabeth herXmark Howard

State of New York }
County of Clinton } SS [16 June 1845]

Elizabeth Howard of Chazy in the County aforesaid: widow of the late Stephen Howard, deceased, being duly sworn according to law before the undersigned deposes and says: That she was married to the said Stephen Howard at Kingston in the island of Jamaica in the year 1784. That her husband was at that time in the British service. That she often heard him say that he was pressed into the said service from on board a prison ship. That she in company with her said husband came from Jamaica to Halifax.

That she had one child born at Spanish town & one at sea both of which died at birth. That her oldest child which lived was born at Halifax in 1787. That they removed from Halifax to Quebec in the then province of Canada & from thence to Montreal – thence to Niagara in Upper Canada & then returned to Montreal – then moved to St. Johns. Deponent further says that her said husband commanded a British guard which was sent to a Block house on or near the Province line on lake Champlain from which place the said Stephen Howard deserted. left the said Guard to take care of themselves and came to North Hero in the State of Vermont in the year 1795 or 1796. That she accompanied her said husband during all the aforesaid movements and lived with him as his wife up to the time of his death on the 6th day of March 1843.

Elizabeth herXmark Howard

State of New York
Clinton County Ss [17 June 1845]

Alexander Ferryall of Chazy County and State aforesaid being duly sworn before me the undersigned [William Hedding] a Judge of Clinton Co Courts. Deposeth and Says That I have been intimately acquainted with Stephen Howard deceased and Elizabeth his wife for more than fifty years past. that I first knew them living together as man and wife at a Block house Occupied by a British Guard at a Place Called Dutchmans Point on lake champlain That said Stephen Howard was Sergent of said guard. That I was Boating on said lake and was required to call and report to said garrison or guard. that the said Howard left the said gard in the year 1795 and came on to the North Hero in the State of Vermont That I understood at the time and verryly believe that he deserted from the british. That his wife Elizabeth came to the North Hero and lived with the said Stephen as his wife and has contined to do so up to the time of

his death. That the said Stephen & Elizabeth had two or three children residing with them at the Blockhouse in 1795 which they called their own children and that I believed them to be their legitimate children. That I often heard the said Stephen Howard tell of his capture from the U. S. Service by the British of his being on board a prison ship and Transported to the west Indies of his Impressment into the British Service of his marrying the said Elizabeth at Kingston on the Island of Jaimaca of his deserting from said British Service &c of which account I Believe to be True That dureing the late war with Great Britain The said Stephen Howard enlisted into the U. S. Service Served in Col Clark Rifle core in Capt Finch Compay was made Sergent in said Company and Deponant was Pilot. That the said Elizabeth Howard lived with him as his wife and that I have seen the said Stephen & Elizabeth living together, have repeatedly been at their house and never Doubted for a moment but that they were living together as man and wife Deponant further says that they raised a large Family of children and that I well remember of their house haveing been burnt some ten or twelve years ago with all their effects. That deponant further says that I shall be Eighty years of age on the 4th of October next. and further saith not.

Alexander hisXmark Ferryall

NOTES:

Stephen Howard is documented as having been one of about 500 who enlisted into the British Duke of Cumberland's Regiment to escape the appalling conditions in which American prisoners were held. Howard is recorded being 18 and in the prison barracks at the time. This regiment left Charleston on 24 May 1781 and arrived on the Island of Jamaica on the following 18 August. See <http://revwarapps.org/b406.pdf> for details. After the war Howard served in the British 60th (Royal American) Regiment of Foot on Jamaica, as shown by a record of his marriage to Elizabeth Wray "spinster" on 16 Feb 1786, with permission of his colonel.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-DZXX-Y?i=90&cc=1827268>

The Montreal chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is named for Francis Duclos. For more information on his services for the Americans in the Revolutionary War and for the British in the War of 1812 see <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canfddar/francisduclosdar/> and <http://www.warof1812.ca/patriottraitors.htm>. In his defense against Duclos's accusation, Jonathan Danforth presented proof that he had so little property that he had been jailed as a debtor for five weeks late in 1821 and at other times. In 1811, seven years before the first pension law, Danforth deeded 135 acres to David J. Danforth and Jonathan R. Danforth. A letter in Danforth's file indicates that because of Duclos's accusation, the War Department deprived Danforth of his pension for at least a year and perhaps permanently. For other examples of veterans being denied pensions based on unsworn accusations, see my appendix to the pension application of [David W. Sleeth S6111](#).

According to <http://www.fifedrum.org/crfd/CRFD6.htm>, the Tattoo was beat at 9:00 PM only in the fall and winter and at 10:00 PM in spring and summer. Most accounts state that the Americans began their march south from Rugeley's Mills at 10 PM. The General was the signal to prepare to march.

Like Howard, Francis Delong is also documented as having enlisted into the Duke of Cumberland's Regiment. See <http://revwarapps.org/b406.pdf>

Details of Stephen Howard's service in the War of 1812 are in the following obituary discovered by Betty Rabideau of West Chazy NY:

Susanna Howard Brow

January 1802 – February 1897

Obituary – St. Albans Weekly Messenger Thursday February 28, 1897

Mrs. John Brow died February 7th at the advanced age of 95 years. Mrs. Brow was born in Swanton and always lived here. Her father, Stephen Howard, came from Virginia at the time of the Revolutionary War, serving as a soldier. He acted as a recruiting Sergeant in 1812-14 and took part in the Battle of Plattsburgh [NY, 11 Sep 1814]. At that time, his family was in the barracks in Burlington, and Mrs. Brow up to a short time before her death was able to recall events of those striving times. John Brow, then a boy of 16, carried passengers between North Hero and Plattsburgh at the time of the Battle of Plattsburgh and was

captured and held prisoner.

Mrs. Brow had 13 children, 7 of whom are living. Two of them served in the Civil War: B. F. Brow and Charles Brow, the latter being killed at Cold Harbor. The Howard homestead use to be what is now known as the Cushman place on the St. Albans Road.

Mr. Stanley officiated at Mrs. Brow's funeral. She is buried in the Woods Hill Cemetery in Swanton with her husband, John M. Brow (born Apr. 19, 1798, died Feb. 12, 1889).

On 28 May 1830 Stephen Howard applied to have his pension transferred to New York, having moved to Clinton County for the following reason: "that my Children have all removed thither and I wish to be with them."

On 3 Mar 1845 Jane McNamara of Hemmingford, Québec, deposed in support of the application of her mother, Elizabeth Howard, stating that she herself was born 24 Oct 1794 in North River VT. On 21 Sep 1845 her husband, Asa McNamara, stated that he and Jane McNamara were married in 1818 in Alburg VT.

Correspondence in the file indicates that as proof of marriage a Testament containing a family record written by Stephen Howard had been sent to the Pension Office.

On 18 April 1849 Elizabeth Howard applied to have her pension transferred to Iowa, having moved to Mendon in Clayton County "to live with her daughter."

A letter dated 22 Mar 1880 refers to a granddaughter, Mrs. Benjamin Chesbrough of Beekmantown NY.