

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Howel (Howell) W9719

Leona Barnett¹

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State of Kentucky Hopkins County Sct.

Lewis Howel of Hopkins County State of Kentucky states that at Wheeling on the Ohio River in 1776 he enlisted in the Continental line to served two years that he enlisted under Captain Stephen Ashley² in the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood that he served out the two years and was Honorably discharged by General Woodford [William Woodford] at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania. That in 1778 at Colonel Jennings' in the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia he enlisted under Captain Abraham Tipton in what was called the Western Battalion commanded by Colonel Joseph Crockett to serve three years in the Continental line – that he served the full period of time and was discharged and was discharged by Captain Cherry in Berkly [Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia. That he has lost his discharges. And that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the Assistance of his Country for Support.

S/ Lewis Howel, X his mark

Reuben Berry made Oath that he was well acquainted with the above named Lewis Howel at the time he enlisted under Captain Ashley and knows that he did in her and was gone from home in the service two years.

S/ Reuben Berry, RD, his mark

[both documents above attested on June 8, 1818 in Madison County Kentucky

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District of Illinois Gallatin County Sct.

On this third day of September in the year of our Lord 1821, personally appeared in open court it being the County Commissioners Court, and Court of Record, constituted as such by the Constitution & laws of the said state, and holden for the County of Gallatin aforesaid, on the 3rd day of September 1821 – Lewis Howell, aged sixty-six years, resident in Gallatin County district of Illinois who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: (to wit) That he was enlisted under Captain Stephen Ashby in the month of October 1776; in the Virginia Continental line for the term of two years & was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood, & was honorably discharged, in the state of Pennsylvania, at the Valley Forge by General Woodford, after which he was enlisted

¹ former widow

² In this document, this officer's surname is spelled "Ashley" but in another document it is spelled "Ashby".

again by Captain Abraham Tipton in the state of Virginia and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Crockett, & was called the Western Battalion, which was sent on to guard the Western frontiers, in which Regiment he served out the time of his enlistment, which was 3 years, and was discharged in the County of Berclay [Berkeley], State of Virginia, by Captain William Cherry; That he has been inscribed on the pension list roll of the Kentucky Agency, at the rate of \$8, commencing the 8th day of June 1818, By a certificate of the Honorable Secretary of War, dated 15th February 1820. I do solemnly affirm, 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 provision 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 any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

Of all the property, real and personal, of Lewis Howell, now a Pensioner of the Revolutionary War:

(to wit:)

One Black Mare about 8 years old, 14 hands high	\$25.00
3 cow beasts, 1 of which is about 17 years old, 1 about 8 years old, the 3 rd about 6 years old	30.00
A small gain of hogs, old , say about 18 in all	20.00
6 head of Sheep, old and young	<u>12.00</u>
total amt.	\$87.00

No real estate

S/ Lewis Howell, X his mark

The said Lewis Howell further states, that he has to farm, have land attended for a living, that he cannot attend it himself, having been so wounded in the knee at the Battle of German-Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], that he cannot labor and that, together with his age, and the Rheumatic pains and affliction, renders him unable, the greater part of his time, to put on his own clothes. – That he has a second wife, living with him, who is about the age of 47 years, and almost entirely helpless, whose name is Leona Howell. – That he has six children residing with him, Four of them stepchildren, three of whom all boys, the other a girl, the boys are by the name of Henry Sisk, 14 years old; William C. Sisk, 12 years old; Culberson Sisk, 10 years old; the daughter by the name of Lydia, 8 years old; all of whom can do something about the house and farm, his children by the present wife are Morenan Howell [Morena Howell] (a female) 6 years old; Frankey, also a female, aged 3 years; both unable to use industry to any advantage, but an expense to him.

S/ Lewis Howell, X his mark

[p 13: On January 25, 1861 in Gallatin County Illinois, Leona Barnett, 84, a resident of Celine County Illinois made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Lewis Howell, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month; that she was married to him in Hopkins County Kentucky December 15, 1814 by William Gordon, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Leona Sisk; that Lewis Howell died in Gallatin County Illinois April 27, 1833; that she thereafter married David Barnett who died December 15, 1849 in

Gallatin County, Illinois; that she is now a widow; she signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On January 25, 1861 in Gallatin County Illinois, Strutton Sisk and Culberson Sisk gave testimony that they know the widow; that they have known her for 50 years last past; that they were acquainted with Lewis Howell her late husband for 20 years previous to his death; that Lewis Howell and Leona Sisk were married December 15, 1814 in Hopkins County Kentucky; that Lewis Howell died April 27, 1833 and that after his death Leona married David Barnett who died December 15, 1849. They both signed the affidavit with their respective marks. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran or his widow is not stated.]

[p 12: certificate that Lewis Howell and Leona Sisk were joined together in matrimony December 15, 1814 by William Gordon, JP in Hopkins County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 8th, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3rd, 1853.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To his Excellency

The Governor & Council of the State of Virginia

Your Petitioner Lewis Howell Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner enlisted for three years in the Company of Captain Stephen Ashley in the Virginia Continental line during the War of the Revolution and served out the time which is fully proven by the depositions of Daniel Ashby, George Timmons & Sinai Berry, and your Petitioner would also state that he is the Elder Brother and heir at law of his Father [?] William Howell who enlisted as a soldier in the Virginia Continental line under Captain Daniel Morgan (afterwards General) and Appointed a Wagon master & died in the Service while performing the duty of a Wagon master which is fully proved by the depositions of Daniel Ashby, George Timmons and Sinai Berry, annual Petitioner would further state for the Satisfaction and information of your Honorable Body that he is the Elder brother and Heir at law to Vincent Howell who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line and died in the service during the War of the Revolution which is fully proved by the depositions before mentioned. And that a certain Nathaniel Ashby procured the issuing the Warrant of Vincent Howell for 2666 2/3 acres to Lewis Howell as Heir at law and also a fraudulent assignment to himself by which he procured a patent for said land, And that John Breckenridge of Kentucky during his lifetime undertook to recover said land from said Ashby for me and brought suit for the same but owing to my not being able to prosecute the suit and go to Virginia to take Depositions I lost it and the land for which he afterwards gave me 150 acres to live upon as I was poor and had no land. And it was kept until afterwards that is very lately that I had my Bounty lands coming, being and unlettered and uninformed man and believing that I had been defrauded out of the whole that was coming to me for my own and my Father's Services at the time I was defrauded out of what was due me as heir at law to my Brother Vincent Howell which is the reason I never applied for and obtained the bounty lands for self and as heir at law of my father before and your Petitioner would further state that his Father and brother died in the Service of their Country and he himself

was badly wounded and made a cripple for life, and although drawing a Pension, the getting the bounty lands due him would be a great relief to him in his old age and your Petitioner will &c.

S/ Lewis Howell

by Willis Morgan his attorney in fact

Petition for Bounty Land

Lewis Howell – Soldier Continental line

The facts of this case are that Lewis Howell enlisted & served for three years, as a soldier.

Daniel Ashby (a witness says that he knew Lewis Howell – that he enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line, under Captain Stephen Ashby – the Father of this witness – that he served a very considerable time, but the witness does not know how long.

George Timmons (another witness) says – that he knew Lewis Howell that he enlisted as a soldier of the Virginia Continental line, under Captain Stephen Ashby, for three years, and served the whole time of his enlistment – that he was afterwards "in service during that he War, but how long he knows not" –

The witnesses are credible: and their testimony such as has generally been considered satisfactory by the Executive Department –

If you'll Excellency should allow bounty land it should be for a service of 3 years as a soldier of the Continental line.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Commissioner &c

April 11th, 1834

To his Excellency

Governor Tazewell

[marginal note: "Lewis Howell's name is on the Army register. He received the sum of £37.7.8 – the balance of his full pay."]

This day Captain George Timmons aged seventy-two years a Citizen of the County of Hopkins and pensioner of the United States and a highly credible individual came into Court & being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that Lewis Howell of Gallatin County in the State of Illinois is the eldest brother & heir at law of Vincent Howell who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line and died in the service during the Revolutionary war and that said Lewis Howell is the oldest son and heir at law of William Howell who was a Wagon Master in the Virginia Continental line – and died in the service during the Revolutionary War – which is ordered to be certified accordingly.

S/ George Timmons, X his mark

[Attested in Union County Kentucky June 10, 1833]

The Deposition of Sinai Berry taken at the house of Mrs. Noel in the Town of Madisonville Hopkins County Kentucky on Monday the 6th day of May 1833 who being in the 76th year of her age and duly sworn deposeth and saith that she knew Lewis Powell who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution – and his Brother Vincent Howell who was a Lieutenant and died in the Service during the War of the Revolution and also knew and was well acquainted with William Howell the Father of Lewis & Vincent Howell and that he was a Wagon-Master in the Army of the United States and died in the Service of the Small Pox during the War of the Revolution and

that they all lived in Frederick County and State of Virginia at the time they entered the Service and at the time of the Death of Lieutenant Vincent Howell and the Death of William Howell the Wagon-Master the family of William Howell resided in Frederick County Virginia and Lieutenant Vincent Howell being a single and unmarried man went into Service from his Father's place of Residence and this Deponent further saith that William Howell the Wagon-Master lived about 4 miles from where she did during the War of the Revolution and that he came home at one time on parole and state about 4 months during which time he spent much of his time at her house, and this Deponent further saith that during the time that Lieutenant Vincent Howell was in Service previous to his Death he came home to his Father's on parole and spent much of his time at her house and that she well knows he was a Lieutenant and his Father a Wagon Master and that they both died in Service during the war of the Revolution and further this Deponent saith not.

S/ Sinai Berry, X her mark

The Deposition of Daniel Ashby taken at his own house in Hopkins County Kentucky who being in his seventy fourth year and duly sworn deposeseth and saith, That he knew Lewis Howell who now lives in the State of Illinois, and that said Lewis Howell Enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line under his Father Captain Stephen Ashby, but how long he served he knows not but recollects he was a very considerable time in the Army of the Revolution and Deponent further states that he knew and was well acquainted with William Howell the Father of said Lewis Howell and that soon after Lewis Enlisted his Father William Howell enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line, and that he said William Howell and General Daniel Morgan were once Waggoners as he has understood together which induced General Howell to appoint or procure to be appointed said William Howell a Wagon Master, and that during his service as Wagon Master and while in service he died of the Small Pox, and said Deponent further states that he was well acquainted with Vincent Howell the son of William and Brother of Lewis Howell, and that said Vincent Howell was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line and died in the Service during the War of the Revolution, and that Lewis Howell is the Elder Brother of Vincent Howell and the oldest son of William Howell and further saith deponent saith not.

S/ Daniel Ashby, Sr.³

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Ashby Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Also the Deposition of George Timmons⁴ who taken at the same time and place who being in the Seventy Third year of his age and duly sworn Deposeth and saith that him and David Ashby who gave the preceding deposition was born near together and served in the Army together and are now Pensioners on account of their Services during the Revolutionary War, and said Deponent further saith, that he knew Lewis Howell of Illinois and that he enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line under Captain Stephen Ashby, and that he enlisted for 3 years and served his time out, and was afterwards in the Service during the War but how long knows not – and said Deponent further states that he knew William Howell the Father of Lewis Howell who also enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line under Daniel Morgan then Captain and afterwards General and that Daniel Morgan appointed or caused to be appointed said William

³ [Daniel Ashby S14927](#)

⁴ [George Timmons S11553](#)

Howell a Wagon Master while in service during the War of the Revolution and that said William Howell died of the Small Pox while in the Service as Wagon Master during the Revolutionary War, and said deponent further states that he knew Vincent Howell the Brother of Lewis and son of William and that said Vincent Howell was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line and died in the Service during the War of the Revolution, and that Lewis Howell was the Elder Brother of Vincent Howell and the oldest Son of William Howell and further this deponent saith not.

S/ George Timmons, X his mark

[Attested in Hopkins County Kentucky May 11, 1833]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 6-page file indexed under "William Howell"

Petition for bounty land

The Heirs of William Howell, Wagon Master Continental Line

William Howell's name is on the Army Register as a Soldier. He received £20.8.0 the balance of his full pay. There is no proof of the term of enlistment & service of William Howell. The papers filed with the Petition of Lewis Howell prove that he enlisted with Captain Daniel Morgan, who commanded three years and this Soldier died in the service of the United States. There is no proof in the papers now before me, that he enlisted for any specific tour, or that he died in the service – these facts are incidentally stated in the affidavits which prove heirship.

The evidence furnished by the Army register, and the proof of the case of Lewis Howell cause me to report this claim to your Excellency as allowable.

If land should be allowed, it ought to be for a service of three years, as private in the Continental line.

Respectfully Submitted

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Kentucky Hopkins County: SS Be it remembered that at a Court held for the County aforesaid on the 14th day of May 1833 the following [several indecipherable words] was made in the minutes of said Court viz.

"This day Colonel Daniel Ashby aged seventy-three years and Captain George Timmons aged seventy-two years Citizens of this County and pensioners of the United States & highly credible persons came into Court & being sworn deposeth and saith that Lewis Howell of Gallatin County in the State of Illinois is the eldest brother of Vincent Howell who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line and died in the service during the Revolutionary War – and that said Lewis Howell is the eldest son of William Howell who was a wagon master in the Virginia Continental line and died in the service during the War of the Revolution – that Zachariah Fugate, Martin Fugate, Lewis Fugate, Sally Berry [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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are the children and heirs at law of Martha Fugate formerly Martha Howell daughter of the aforesaid decedent William Howell and Sister of the said Lewis Howell.

That William Major, James Major, Robert Major & Alexander Major are the children and

heirs at law of Sally Major deceased who was the daughter of said William Howell deceased and the sister of said Lewis Howell.

That Vincent Howell & Mason Howell are the children and heirs at law of Jilson Howell deceased who was also the son of said decedent William Howell and brother of the said Lewis Howell.

All of which is ordered to be certified accordingly."

[Attested by James Woodson, clerk of Hopkins County May 16, 1833]