



Given name and residence of his widow. *Sarah Strickland Howard – Floyd Va.*

Very respectfully, / G M Saltzgaber/ Commissioner.

[On the other side is an abstract of the above file from the Library of Virginia .]

Rev. War Section. February 19, 1919.

Mrs. D. R. Wood, Martinsburg, Virginia [sic]

Madam:

In response to your communication received the fourteenth instant, you are advised that the records of this Bureau show that one Peter Howard, a Private, was allowed a pension for disability, of \$40. per annum, which was paid at the Virginia Agency. His residence is unknown, and there are no particulars of service given, as there are no papers on file, the same having been destroyed in the burning of the War Office.

The list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of Virginia, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the "American State Papers, Class 9, Claims", page 105, shows that Peter Howard enlisted for the war, was mustered in May, 1779, as a Private in the 3rd Virginia regiment and that he was wounded in several places, while in the service of the United States, at the defeat of Colonel Abraham Buford on May 29, 1780 in South Carolina.

He was pensioned from March 4, 1794 under the Act of June 7, 1795.

The date of his death is not shown.

Very respectfully, G M Saltzgaber/ Commissioner.

NOTE:

Peter Howard is listed in the August 1778 payroll of the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment in Capt. Samuel Colston's company raised in Richmond County and Northumberland County.

The Continental Army of George Washington entered winter quarters at Morristown NJ on 1 Dec 1779, which may be about the time Howard returned to Virginia on furlough. Late in March Col. Abraham Buford took a detachment of 350 troops to try to aid the southern army under siege in Charleston SC, and Howard was evidently in that detachment. Many suffered multiple sword wounds to the head and arms at Buford's defeat.

"1835 list" refers to *Report From the Secretary of War, in Obedience to Resolutions of the Senate of the 5th and 30th of June, 1834, and the 3rd of March, 1835, in Relation to the Pension Establishment of the United States*. Peter Howard is listed in this book in a table of invalid pensioners who had been paid at the Virginia agency, but whose county of residence could not be determined because records were destroyed in the War Department in 1814, and they had not drawn their pensions since then. Peter Howard was listed as a Private who was allowed a pension of \$40 per year under the act of 7 Jun 1785 and had received a total of \$100. There does not appear to be any evidence that this Peter Howard was the one inquired of in 1919.