

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Howell R5300

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State of Virginia City of Richmond: SS

On this 29 day of August 1836 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Hustings, now sitting, Thomas Howell, a resident of said City and State of Virginia, aged seventy-six 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 Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

I Thomas Howell entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated as a private in the Virginia Militia – Waldy Clopton [Waldegrave Clopton] was Captain of the Company in which I served and Jacob Poindexter was Surgeon. I entered either in the month of August or the commencement of the fall of the year 1780 and served until the following October twelve months, as well as I can now recollect, being old and with a less retentive memory – then I obtained a furlough on account of ill health, a short time before Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781]. After which I was never again called into service – but thinking my furlough of no value I lost it after my return home. I resided in the County of New Kent and State of Virginia when I was drafted. I marched with the Army through the lower part of Virginia, between New Kent County and York and Hampton. I remembered that the portion of the Army to which I was attached was encamped below Williamsburg when I obtained my furlough. I have no documentary evidence of my service, but Thomas Clopton who was a private in the same company with me can testify to my having served as above stated –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State –  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/Thomas Howell, X his mark

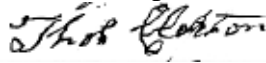
I Thomas Clopton<sup>1</sup> residing in the County of Henrico near the City of Richmond hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Thomas Howell who has sworn to the above declaration – I served with him during the revolution under my brother Captain Waldy Clopton and knew him to be a soldier of the revolution. I cannot say how long he served though I am confident he served one tour – neither can I say when he entered or left the service. I cannot say how old he is though I believe him to be about seventy-six. I further certify that he is reputed in the neighborhood where he lives to be a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Clopton S9318](#)

S/ Thos Clopton



Answers to Questions prescribed by the War Department

1. I was born in St. Peter's Parish New Kent County Virginia
2. I believe there is a record of my age in New Kent Clerks Office.
3. I resided in New Kent when called into service, since that I have resided in this City.
4. I was drafted I believe
5. I have forgotten the names of the regular officers and their regiments. I recollect we were a little below York Hill (called Pigeon Hill) when news arrived of Colonel Mallory's<sup>2</sup> being killed by a party of British who landed from a 20 gun boat from Hampton and attacked him at the halfway House –
6. "Lawyer Billy Dandridge" gave me a furlough by direction of Jacob Poindexter the Surgeon

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<sup>2</sup> Probably a reference to Colonel Francis Mallory, a Virginia militia officer who was killed March 8, 1781 at Tompkins Bridge in Virginia