Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Howle S21303
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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 State of South Carolina Edgefield District: On this the __day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Richard Gantt presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for said district now sitting in open Court William Howle Senior a Resident of the said district and State aforesaid aged near seventy-eight 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 above [indecipherable word, could be 'named'] Act –

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 as a private in a Company of Georgia Militia commanded by Captain Blasingain Harvey [Blasingame Harvey] which said Company was attached to a Battalion commanded by Major Daniel McMurphey to attend to the floraday [Florida] Expedition and served three months and then marched to the State of South Carolina in the year 1777 and then entered into service for six months as a volunteer under Captain Sinkfield [sic, probably Captain Francis Singuefield] to fort sinicer [Fort Senecal from thence to the Two Sisters [Two Sisters Ferry] on Savannah River and there served in the Militia two months and then marched to Liberty Hill under Captain Burnet for six months he there served under Captain Henry Thos. Key [Henry Thomas Key] for the term of fifteen or sixteen months in General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] Regiment in the years 1781 & '82 and the deponent saith that if all the different periods of time during which he was actually engaged in military service were added together – they would amount to two years and five months this deponent has no documentary Evidence on which to rely for the verification of his declaration herein above made and set forth this deponent hereby Relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

S/ William Howle, X his mark

sworn to before S/ Richard Gantt, P. Judge

State of South Carolina Edgefield District: I do hereby certify that all the material facts as with then declared and set forth are strictly true having personally served in the same State and District under the same officers of the same officers with the applicant William Howle Senior as therein set forth, as to the floriday Expedition he the said Dawson knows nothing about but he

¹ There were three expeditions to Florida during the Revolution. See for an overview the three articles posted at http://ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/. The time referred to by the veteran suggests that he participated in either the first [http://ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution09.html] or second Florida Expedition [http://ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution11.html].

was personally acquainted with Captain Harvey that is named in the said Howls [sic] declaration to be a true friend to his Country and that he believes the said William Howle Senior was in the service as within Stated. Sworn to the 30th day of October 1832

S/ Wyett Homes JP

S/Willm Dawson [William Dawson]²

[Daniel Rogers & Moses Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally came before me William Morris [?]³ and made oath that he was well acquainted with William Howle during the old Revolution war and that he was a true Whig during that war and that he did serve six months in the service of his Country under the command of Captain Frank Sinkfield [Francis Sinquefield] Militia officer. Sworn to before me this 6th September 1832

S/S. Tompkins, Justice of the Peace

S/ William Morris [?], X his mark

Amended Declaration of William Howle

The Deponent states in answer to the interrogatories of the war Department: that he was born in Charlotte County Virginia the 7 day of August 1755 agreeable to the original record now in his possession. The deponent further states that he was drafted for the first tour of duty as specified in his declaration after that volunteered, was at the siege of Golphins Fort [sic, Galphin Fort, May 21, 1781]⁴ the troops during the siege was under the command of Captain Randol [sic, Michael Rudolph] a Regular Officer. The deponent never received a written discharge. He would refer the Department to the affidavits of Wm Dawson, Daniel Rogers & Moses Harris as to his service and also the affidavit of E. B. Belcher Esquire farmer Sure of the District of Edgefield – & Colonel Benjamin Frazier.

Sworn to before me the 13th of April 1833

S/ J. Richardson, CCP

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[E. B. Belcher, and Benjamin Frazer gave the standard supporting affidavit.] [Robert Burt, a clergyman, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

² William Dawson S17920

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not identify a likely candidate in the pension records for this affiant.

⁴ http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortgalphin.htm and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_galphin.html

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia service.]