

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas Howle VAS1632

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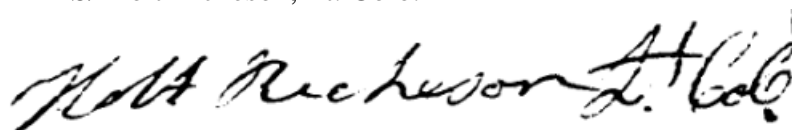
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

June 22nd, 1799. This is to certify that to my certain knowledge Mr. Thomas Howle served 4 years & 6 months in the Regular Service during the late revolutionary war

S/ Holt Richeson, Lt. Colo.



The person who presented this Certificate also presented a Military Certificate for depreciation for [£] 58.17.2 No. 5832 dated 2nd September 1783 in the name of Thomas Howle signed B. Stark & J. Pendleton Junior which I consider as sufficient testimony of his having been regularly discharged from the Army.

S/ Sam Coleman



[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 12-page file under the name Thomas Howle, who may or may not be the same man named above.

Report on the claim of the heirs of Thomas Howle, a Soldier in the Continental line, for bounty land for his Services

To the Governor
Sir,

The following facts have been proved by the testimony of living witnesses – viz. –
That Thomas Howle was a soldier in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary war – that he enlisted about the commencement of the war for three years, and served according to the terms of his enlistment – that he, afterwards, again enlisted to serve during the war, & served to the end of it – and at the end of the war, was one of General Washington's foot Life Guards – (see the affidavit of Anselm Bailey – William H Macon – John B Poter [sic] and Samuel Moss.)

It appears, from the records of the land office, that Thomas Howle, a Soldier, of the

Continental line, has received 100 acres of land for his services.

Respectfully Submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

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To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The Memorial of the undersigned heirs of Thomas Howle a Soldier of the Revolutionary War respectfully represents, that the said Thomas Howle enlisted in the Army of the Revolution (as these memorialist have understood and believed) under Captain Thomas Massie for three years – that the three years service having expired the said Thomas Howle again enlisted to serve during the War; and that he served till the end of the War and was one of General Washington's Foot Life Guard. These memorialist believe themselves entitled to Land Bounty as heirs of the said Thomas Howle.

S/ John L Poindexter, as Guardian of Thos. D. Howle's
daughter Parke G. Howle

S/ Francis Marshall, husband of Ann E. Marshall formerly
Ann E. Howle

[Attested in the city of Richmond August 20, 1835]

I William H Macon of New Kent County and State of Virginia now in my seventy seventh year of my age was well acquainted with Thos Howle of New Kent County which acquaintance commenced immediately after the Revolutionary War and I have good grounds to believe that he enlisted at the commencement of the War (of the Revolution) and continued to serve until the end of said War. I very frequently heard him say he was one of General Washington's life guard and as he was a man of veracity and respectability I am perfectly persuaded he would make no assertion but what was correct. Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of August 1835

S/ W. H. Macon



I John B. Poter [sic] of New Kent County now in my 69th year of age was well acquainted with Thomas Howle of said County, I understood from him, my father, and also others that he said Howle was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war. August 12th 1835

S/ John B. Porter



I Samuel Moss now in my 71st year of age was well acquainted with Thomas Howle of New Kent a man of respectability. I always understood from Thomas Howle and also from others that he was a Revolutionary Soldier. I also understood that he was one of Washington's life Guard. August 12th, 1835

S/ Saml Moss



I Anslem Bailey aged seventy-seven years the 15th day of July last (1835) do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Howle late of the County of New Kent State of Virginia and well recollect that said Thomas Howle enlisted in the war of the Revolution for 3 years and served out his time and I think in the company of Captain Thomas Massie but do not recollect in what Regiment – and that said Thomas Howle afterwards enlisted to serve during the war and served till the end of the war, and at the end of the war of the Revolution was one of general Washington's foot life guard. Given under my hand & seal this the 15th day of August 1835

S/ Anslem Bailey¹ {Seal}



Washington City, 17th of August 1835

Sir:

At the solicitation of my Brother-in-law, Francis Marshall, I beg leave to be permitted to make to you the following statement, to wit: That my father, Thomas Howle died about thirty years ago, I believe in the fall of 1805; that I well remember often to have been shown by him scars of wounds he said he received in the war of the Revolution amounting to the best of my recollection in all to seven. The remark he made in reference to one of the scars made a deep impression in my mind; he remarked that when he received that one and he fell to the ground; shortly after he said our men had to retreat being overpowered by numbers while on the ground General Washington (to whose life guard he was, or had been attached) passed by; he called to the General, and requested him to have him shot, rather than leave him in the state he was, in the hands of the enemy; the General gave immediate orders to have him placed in one of the wagons, which was done. I could mention many other of his narratives, giving an ac[the image of this page of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

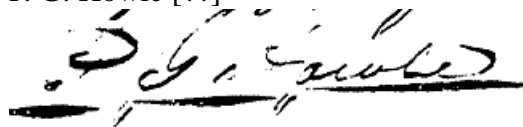
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point: I presume the information required is what line, and what Regiment, did he belong to? To which I cannot answer. Should there be any thing owing to his heirs, I relinquish all my interest to my Brother-in-law, Francis Marshall, of New Kent County, Virginia.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

P. G. Howle [??]



To Littleton W Tazewell, Governor of the State of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia

¹ Probably the same man as [Ansolem Bailey S37702](#)