Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to George Howell VAS414 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

[p 2]

At a Court held for Fauquier County the 25th day of September 1786

It appearing to the Court that Jemima Howell the widow of George Howell a Soldier who died in the Continental Army is in very indigent Circumstances and has three Children to maintain: It is ordered to be certified that she ought to be admitted as a Pensioner.

S/J. Brooke, CFC

[p 4]

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify That Jemima Howell widow of George Howell who was a private in the ___ Virginia Regiment and died in the Service of the United States, Is entitled to the Sum of Ten pounds yearly to commence from the first day of January 1787 –

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this $25^{\rm th}$ day of January 1787

T. Meriwether

S/ Edm. Randolph [Edmund Randolph]

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September 1787

Jemima Howell produced in Court a Certificate from his Excellency Edmund Randolph Governor of this Commonwealth, that she is the widow of George Howell late a Soldier in the Army of the United States, and made oath that she was the person to whom the said Certificate was granted, which is ordered to be recorded, and the Sheriff is ordered to pay her the Sum of Ten pounds out of the publick Tax now in his hands, being the Sum she is entitled to by the Said Order.

Test:

S/ And. Wodrow

[p 8: 1788 order of court similar to the order on page 6 above]

[p 9: reverse of p 8:

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[p 11: another signature of the widow:

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[p 13]

At a Court held for Hampshire County October 30th, 1792 –

Jemima Howell, widow of George Howell (who was a Soldier in the late War and died in the Service of the United States) appeared in Court, and being examined pursuant to the directions given by the Executive in their letter of the 6th July last, the Court were of opinion, that the said Jemima all to be continued on the list of Pensioners, she being (in their opinion) unable to obtain a subsistence by labor, and in very indigent circumstances.

Teste S/ And Wodrow, Cl. Court

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I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Jemima Howell is continued on the list of Pensioners with an allowance of Ten pounds yearly commencing the first day of January 1797.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond this 5th day of April 1799.

Sam Coleman

S/ James Wood

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I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Jemima Howell is continued on the list of Pensioners with her former allowance, commencing the first day of January 1800.

Given under my [hand] as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 30th day of January 1802

Samuel Coleman

S/ Jas. Monroe [James Monroe]

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I do with the advice of Counsel, hereby certify that Jemima Howard [sic] is continued on the list of Pensioners with her former allowance, commencing the first day of January 1803. Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond the 4th day of January 1803.

Saml. Coleman

S/ John Page

John Page

[p 114: appears to be a partial image of the last will and testament of Jemima Howell. The document bears the date of May 5th [? unclear], 1828 and is signed with the mark of the testatrix. The image is very faint but I think I can make out that she names her children: Hannah Anderson, Lucrensy Anderson and A[too faint] Johnson; grandchildren: [too faint] Anderson and Jemima Anderson and George Warfield (who she named as her executor).]

[Note: The documents not transcribed consist of powers of attorney to collect her pension, annual court orders directing the sheriff to pay her pension, annual receipts for the pension up to 1828.]

[Note: In abstracts of Hampshire County Court records, Vol. 1-5 found on the Internet, there is the following entry:

Ordered that it be certified that Jemima Howell, widow of George Howell, who was a soldier in the service of the United States, and was killed at Buford's Defeat [May 29, 1780], is still a widow with six children, four of whom are under her care... One of the two youngest being nine years old, and the other eight, and blind. She makes it appear that she is the person mentioned in the pension list for the year 1787, and the Sheriff is ordered to pay her 10 pounds. Ct. 10 July 1788

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[Note: this document was NOT included in the file posted online by the Virginia State Library.]