

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Howe BLWt856-1100

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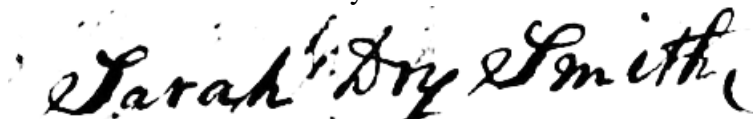
Transcribed by Will Graves

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Sarah Dry Smith maketh oath that she was well acquainted with Major General Robert Howe of the Continental line & his wife Mrs. Sarah how from her infancy, & also Robert Howe of Brunswick County, State of North Carolina, their son & that she never knew that General Howe had any other male there, but the said Robert Howe the Claimant.

S/ Sarah Dry Smith



Sworn to in open Court the 28th day of July A.D. 1819

[fn p. 6: Power of attorney dated February 1, 1820 in Brunswick County North Carolina executed by Robert Howe granting his attorney, Samuel Hankins of Brunswick County full power and authority to sell "All Military lands that he may obtain in the name of the late Major General Robert Howe."

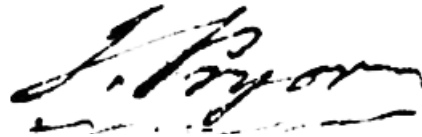


The Deposition of John Pryor¹ of lawful Age, taken before me and Alderman of the City of Richmond this 19th day of February 1820.

Deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Major General Robert Howe of the Revolutionary Army In the year 1775, he commanded the North Carolina Troops as Colonel at the Battle of Great bridge or about that time, and at Norfolk, and to the best of my recollection was recognized by the State of Virginia in some great, and afterwards was appointed a Major General in the United States Service, He commanded a division in the main Army in 1778, 1779 & 1780 and served as a member of the Court martial, held for the trial of General Charles Lee in 1778, and Commanded the expedition against Verplank's Point, at the time that Stoney Point was attacked and carried by General Wayne, and I believe that he continued in service until the Close of the Revolutionary War, as I have never heard of his Resignation, and it seems he died in 1786.

S/ J. Pryor

¹ This is PROBABLY the same man as BLWt1750-200

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Whitlock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

City of Richmond Sct.

Before me an Alderman of said City personally appeared and made oath that the above
Deposition contains the Truth to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand this
19th day of February 1820

S/ James Whitlock