## **Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Henry Howard R5277
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Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 State of North Carolina Caswell County

On this the 16th day of January 1847 personally appeared before the unsigned [sic, undersigned] one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Caswell Eliza Howard a resident of said County and State aged 57 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the above named act of Congress.

That she is the widow of the late Henry Howard deceased who was a Soldier in the North Carolina Militia in the Revolution, that he lived in Granville County North Carolina in time of said war and served a Tower [tour] in said war as she has often heard him say [indecipherable word or words] in time of said war her husband said Henry Howard moved from Granville and settled in Person County North Carolina<sup>1</sup> – where he again went a Tower in the Service of his country but she is of the opinion that from Sickness or some cause he was prevented from serving to the end of the last named Tower but she is confident that she many times heard him say that he did fully and faithfully served the first mentioned Tower –that she is under the Impression that while he was in the war he was in the Battle fought at Guilford Court House. She remembers particularly of hearing him speak of seeing General Green at the said Battle of Guilford that from disease of the lungs and frailty of body and consequent loss of memory She is unable to state the commencement, length, termination and company and field officers under whom the service was rendered and she does not at this time know of any of his companions in arms who are yet living by whom she can prove the aforesaid Services – That she was married to said Henry Howard on the 23rd day of March 1820 and that he died on the 18th day of March 1843 which he has recorded in his family Bible the Reason she suspects why her husband the said Henry Howard did not apply for a pension in his lifetime is that he was in good circumstances consequently he did not present his claim to the war Department for a pension, that from affliction and feebleness of body she is unable to attend court to make the foregoing Declaration and she still remains the widow of the said Henry Howard. Sworn to and subscribed this 16th of January 1847 before me

S/ Elijah K Withers, JP

S/ Eliza Howard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Person County North Carolina did not exist until it was split from Caswell County after the revolution.

State of North Carolina Caswell County

On this 16th day of January 1847 personally appeared before me William H Nunnally one of the acting Justices of said County William Badgett<sup>2</sup> a Resident of said County and a United States pensioner aged 84 – years and on oath made the following Statements that he was acquainted with the late Henry Howard Deceased and in the time of the Revolutionary War, and in said war said Henry Howard was in Conl. Moors [sic, Colonel William Moore's] Regiment at the Battle of Guilford he well recollect of seeing Henry Howard while in the service of his country at Hillsboro and he is firmly of the opinion that he was entitled to a pension for his services in the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed January 16th 1847 before me

S/ William H Nunnally, JP

S/ William Badgett

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[fn p. 18-19: Betsy Badgett gave testimony on April 1, 1847, that she well recollects that Henry Howard left home twice to serve in the revolution as a soldier but she does not know the length of said tours.]

[fn p. 3: On October 4, 1853 in Caswell County North Carolina, Alanson Howard and Cary A. Howard filed a power of attorney stating that they are the legal heirs of Henry Howard deceased, late a revolutionary Soldier; they appoint their attorney to pursue their claim for the pension due there father.]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> William Badgett (Badget) S6552