

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Howell W937

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this 12th day of November 1839 personally appeared before me John B Viverett one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Mary Howell aged seventy-one years a resident of the County and State aforesaid 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 act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Philip Howell who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and served in all about three years as well as she can calculate the time most of which is from information received from her husband during his lifetime and since the Revolution. Her husband lived at the time of the Revolution in Orange County North Carolina and was only sixteen years of age when the first troublesome times commenced that is the fighting. She lived at that time about three miles from him but knew but little about him. It was at that time when all men great and small who were not Tories were compelled to serve or joined the Army on account of safety and her husband by consent of his father volunteered and went under Captain William Douglass but she is not certain that it was the first time he was out but he had been out a considerable time before the taking of Charleston he was under General Butler a good part of the time and the balance of the Captains under whom he served she is not able to recollect their names at this time but will refer to prove he was generally in the volunteer troops. She recollects that he was in the following battles, Ramsour's Mills, Brown's Mills (with the Tories), the battle of cane Creek, the battle of Lindley's Mills and also the battle of Guilford when Cornwallis marched past Hillsborough on to Virginia Fanon [David Fanning] was a Tory Captain and took this declarant's brother Henry Brewer¹ (who is now in receipt of a Pension) in the light horse followed close after them her husband being one but they did not overtake them before her Brother made his escape. She will depend upon personal proof as she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim. She further declares that she was married to the said Philip Howell on the 17th day of October 1782. That her husband the aforesaid Philip Howell died on the 4th day of January 1812 and that she has remained a widow ever since that Period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim. Sworn to and subscribed before me this day last above mentioned.

S/ Mary Howell, X her mark

State of Tennessee Wilson County: This day being the 21st of April 1840 personally appeared

¹ [Henry Brewer S39213](#)

before me George H Bullard an acting Justice of the peace for said County Henry Brewer aged about eighty-one years states that he was well acquainted with Philip Howell and was raised boys together. I myself was in the old Revolution war and he states when he came home he was informed that Philip Howell was in the war under Captain William Douglass Orange County North Carolina and after I got my discharge and came home I found Philip Howell at home who informed me that he had served a three month Tower [tour] under Captain William Douglass he further states that the said Philip Howell was married to Mary Brewer in October 1784. Sworn to and subscribed before me the date first written.

S/ Henry Brewer, X his mark

State of Tennessee Hardin County: On this day personally appeared Owen Loyd² before me Stephen Austin one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Philip Howell and he also states that said Philip Howell served two three-month towers in the old revolutionary war under Captain William Douglass Colonel Thomas Tailor [Thomas Taylor], Major William McColley [William McCauley] in the first Tower in the next Tower Captain William Douglass, Colonel William O'Neal & General Butler in the second Tower he states that Philip Howell was in the Battle at Lindley's Mill also at Brewer's Mill the next at Brush Creek he also states that the said Philip Howell was mustered into service in the first Tower at Chatham Court house on the 15th of September in the year not recollected. He also states that Philip & Mary Howell has been married something like fifty-five or fifty-six years ago they was married by Thomas Brown a Minister of the gospel. Sworn to & subscribed this April the 9th 1840

S/ Owen Loyd, X his mark

State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this day personally appeared Henry Brewer aged 82 years before me Henry Truett one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Philip Howell the husband of Mary Howell in the War of the Revolution. In addition to what affiant has stated Deposeth and saith that said Howell served a long time say three tours of three months each under Captains Douglass and Allen he served under Colonels Taylor, McCally and Owens was at the battle of Lindley's Mill's, Brush Creek and Brewers Mills said Howell was in service at least for 9 to 12 months and served out each tour in full and honorably affiant cannot state the particulars of the service as he was in the regular service and Philip Howell served in the militia but this affiant knows of the service as Howell served after he came home he saw him going and returning he well state the service as at least to be nine months and this from personal knowledge. It was easy to know who served and who did not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of November 1841

S/ Henry Truett, JP

S/ Henry Brewer, X his mark

State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this day personally appeared Caleb Howell before me Jubal Grant one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Wilson aforesaid; and made oath in due form of law that he is 45 years of age and that his oldest Brother Henry Howell is now at least 55 or 6 years old Seve Howell the 4th son of Mary Ann Philip Howell is now 53 years old affiant makes

² FPA R6500 [this file contains no substantive documentation and is filed in the "Blank" index on Footnote.com]

these calculations from recollections of the family record kept by his father. The record containing the ages of the children of said Mary and Philip Howell this affiant has not seen it for the last 10 or 15 years. It has not been in the possession of affiant's mother the said Mary Howell in the last 10 or 15 years or affiant would have seen it as she lives close to him. There was one other family record kept in the family Bible of this affiant which was burnt in affiant's house about 2 years since when affiant by his dwelling house burned and all that was in it, affiant and his Brothers has on divers times conversed about their ages and in presence of his mother who frequently informed them of the ages of all her children. These conversations were long previous to the date of any loss concerning pensions, affiant has had no object therefore but to keep his own age correctly and those of his Brothers. This affiant does not know who of his Brothers or sisters has the family record nor does he know that any such now exists affiant has one Brother and brother-in-law lives in the State of Illinois and some of his Brothers live in Mississippi Arkansas and Alabama; affiant thinks his father and mother was married shortly after the war of the Revolution agreeable to the best information this affiant has from hearing his father and mother conversed in their lifetime. Affiant's oldest brother Henry Howell above stated was bound out to learn the Hatters trade by his father he served 3 years and 6 months and was married in 1808 he was not of age when married he was about 19 or 20 at the date of his marriage in 1808. Affiant's father Philip Howell died in 1811. Affiant's mother Mary Howell died on the 7th of August last now past 1841 said affiant does not know who of his Brothers has the record spoken of nor does he know that any such record exists. This affiant is the 5th son of Mary and Philip Howell. Said Mary and Philip Howell had 11 children so that affiant has had opportunities of knowing their ages.

Sworn to and subscribed this 21st September 1841

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caleb Howell". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]