Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Howard X893

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 19 June 2013.

[On the file jacket in place of a number is written "Dis," indicating that Howard received a disability pension. X893 is a number assigned by HeritageQuest.]

[The following is transcribed from a copy in the bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia:] I do Certify that Peter Howard substituted himself in March 1778 to serve one year in the 5th Virginia Regt. and continued as a soldier in the said Regt. untill the 9th of September following, at which time the Reg't. was reduced and added to the 3^d he then Reenlisted the 27th or 29th December 1778 for the war. he then went on Furlough to Virginia where he was ordered to join Col. Bufords [Abraham Buford's] Detachment of Levies. he has Drawn no part of his pay since he left the State of New Jersey excepting a partial payment made him by Col. Buford as I have been informed.

Richmond April 4th 1784

John Roney Lt. 3rd Virg'a. Reg't.

[The following notes in the federal file were apparently compiled in the Pension Office for use in answering queries about the soldier:]

Howard, Peter

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of Virginia, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 105.

Rank: Private Regt: 3^d Virginia

Disability: Wounded in several places, while in the service of the United States, at the defeat of Col. Abraham Buford [Battle of Waxhaws SC].

When and where disabled: May 29, 1780, South Carolina.

Remarks: Peter Howard mustered in May, 1779; enlisted for the war

Evidence transmitted by the District Court perfect.

Allowed/ See 1835 list. [see endnote]

[The file contains a query dated 5 Feb 1919 from Mrs. D. R. Wood on stationery with the following address: Treasury Department/ Office of the Comptroller of the Currency/ D. R. Wood/ National Bank Examiner/ Martinsburg, W. VA.]

[The following is a typed letter with handwritten notes, which are shown here in italics.]

Rev. War Section./ Department of the Interior/ Bureau of Pensions/ Washington February 11, 1919.

Mrs. D. R. Wood,/ Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Madam:

In response to your letter dated the fifth instant, you are advised that in order to ascertain whether there is a Revolutionary War pension claim on file for a particular Peter Howard, in addition to his name, it is essential that you furnish as much of the following data as possible:

Names of some officers under whom he served.

His place of residence at enlistment.

His place of residence after service. Floyd County, Va.

Approximate date of his birth. 1759

Approximate date of his death. 1815

Given name and residence of his widow. *Sarah Strickland Howard – Floyd Va.*Very respectfully,/ G M Saltzgaber/ Commissioner.

[On the other side is an abstract of the above file from the Library of Virginia .]

Rev. War Section. February 19, 1919.

Mrs. D. R. Wood, Martinsburg, Virginia [sic]

Madam:

In response to your communication received the fourteenth instant, you are advised that the records of this Bureau show that one Peter Howard, a Private, was allowed a pension for disability, of \$40. per annum, which was paid at the Virginia Agency. His residence is unknown, and there are no particulars of service given, as there are no papers on file, the same having been destroyed in the burning of the War Office.

The list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of Virginia, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the "American State Papers, Class 9, Claims", page 105, shows that Peter Howard enlisted for the war, was mustered in May, 1779, as a Private in the 3rd Virginia regiment and that he was wounded in several places, while in the service of the United States, at the defeat of Colonel Abraham Buford on May 29, 1780 in South Carolina.

He was pensioned from March 4, 1794 under the Act of June 7, 1795.

The date of his death is not shown.

Very respectfully, G M Saltzgaber/ Commissioner.

NOTE:

Peter Howard is listed in the August 1778 payroll of the 5th Virginia Continental Regiment in Capt. Samuel Colston's company raised in Richmond County and Northumberland County.

The Continental Army of George Washington entered winter quarters at Morristown NJ on 1 Dec 1779, which may be about the time Howard returned to Virginia on furlough. Late in March Col. Abraham Buford took a detachment of 350 troops to try to aid the southern army under siege in Charleston SC, and Howard was evidently in that detachment. Many suffered multiple sword wounds to the head and arms at Buford's defeat.

"1835 list" refers to *Report From the Secretary of War, in Obedience to Resolutions of the Senate of the 5th and 30th of June, 1834, and the 3rd of March, 1835, in Relation to the Pension Establishment of the United States.* Peter Howard is listed in this book in a table of invalid pensioners who had been paid at the Virginia agency, but whose county of residence could not be determined because records were destroyed in the War Department in 1814, and they had not drawn their pensions since then. Peter Howard was listed as a Private who was allowed a pension of \$40 per year under the act of 7 Jun 1785 and had received a total of \$100. There does not appear to be any evidence that this Peter Howard was the one inquired of in 1919.