

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Peter Howard: S4414

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The State of Ohio}

Logan County Ss.}

On this 23rd day of October AD 1832. personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. George B. Holt President and Turner McPherson, Robert Smith & Levi Carwood Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Logan, Peter Howard aged eighty seven years in March last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States for the term of three years as a soldier in the revolutionary war, at Richmond in the State of Virginia, in the month of May or June as well as he recollects, in the year 1777. The names of his Captain & subaltern officers he is now unable to recollect; the company to which he was attached was in the 15th Regiment of the Virginia Line and was commanded by Col Gaskin [sic: Gaskins] and Gen. Woodford or Woolford [sic: William Woodford] commanded the Brigade. Not long after his enlistment they were marched up near Alexandria in Virginia, where many of the soldiers were inoculated for the small pox and were encamped some time for that purpose. Thence we marched to Lancaster in Pennsylvania where we were billeted out for some time on the inhabitants of that place and Little York. Thence we marched to Valley Forge where Head Quarters were established & there remained in quarters thro the winter of 1777 & 1778. At the breaking up of winter quarters in the following Spring we were marched to Monmouth in East Jersey where a battle was fought with the enemy in the month of June [the 28th] 1778. in which he was engaged Col Gaskin still commanding his Reg't

After the battle of Monmouth a detachment to which he belonged was sent up the North [Hudson] River under the command of Gen. [Anthony] Wayne to Peekskill between West Point & Stony Point. This declarant was at the storming of Stony Point under Gen. Wayne [15 July 1779]. Not long after that achievement we moved a little down the river. A British armed vessel was lying in the stream & Gen. Wayne had three or four cannon brought up for the purpose of firing hot shot into her to blow her up. She either slipped or cut her cables & made her escape. We were then marched to White Plains to join the main army. Thence we were marched thro New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North & Carolina to Charleston, where we joined the Southern army under the command of Gen. [Benjamin] Lincoln [probably on 8 April 1780]. This declarant was in the battle of Charleston [sic: Siege of Charleston] and on the surrender by Gen. Lincoln to the British forces [12 May 1780] was made a prisoner by the enemy, was put on board a vessel, and, with many other prisoners taken round thro the Capes of Virginia into the Chesapeake Bay & up James River where after having remained a prisoner for some months (he cannot recollect with certainty how long) he at length succeeded in making his escape by taking a boat belonging to the vessel with seven companions, in a dark night and getting on shore. The term for which he entered the service, to wit, three years, had now expired and he signed again joining the Army. & consequently never received any registered discharge. Afterwards he went to Philadelphia & thence to [illegible] Burlington County & State of New Jersey where he resided between 30 & 40 years. In 1819 he moved to the County of Logan Ohio where he has ever since resided. This declarant is totally blind, & very deaf & his faculties so much impaired by his great age and infirmities that he cannot well recollect the particular circumstances that took place during his services as above set forth and more especially does he find it difficult for him to remember names which accounts for his being unable to state more about his officers.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

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