

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Howard W8948

Isabella Howard

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State of Kentucky Bath County Sct.

On this 22nd day of October 1842 Personally appeared before me Hugh Porter a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Isabella Howard a resident of Montgomery County & State of Kentucky aged Eighty-three 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 act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Henry Howard who enlisted as a regular soldier in the year (1775 or 1776) under Captain McKee and Colonel __ Lewis Regiment and marched down to what was then called the point in the State of Virginia. The said Henry Howard there served out his full term of enlistment under the Captain aforesaid and then returned home to Greenbrier County in the State of Virginia and in the month of October 1777 the declarant was lawfully married by publication three times at Church to the aforesaid Henry Howard in the County of Greenbrier in the State of Virginia by a Baptist minister by the name of John Alderson. She further declares that her aforesaid Husband Henry Howard year 1779 the aforesaid Henry Howard again enlisted in the regular service of his Country in the County of Greenbrier State of Virginia under Captain __ in Colonel __ Regiment and marched with said Captain down to or near Richmond in the State aforesaid the declarant cannot now say how long the said Henry Howard enlisted for at this time but thinks it was either 2 or 3 years which he served out faithfully and then returned home In her Husband the aforesaid Henry Howard died in the month of March 1798 and that she has remained a widow ever since that Period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed, She further declares she knows of no record of her marriage or the age of her Children.

S/ Isabella Howard, X her mark

[p 6: On October 22, 1842 in Bath County Kentucky, Gorden Griffin [sic, Gordon Griffin?], a resident of Bath County Kentucky gave testimony that he is 84 years old; that he is the brother of Isabella Howard, who is applying for a pension based on the services of her husband Henry Howard; that Henry Howard enlisted in 1775 or 1776; deponent was present when Henry Howard enlisted under Captain McKee; that his sister married Henry Howard in Greenbrier County sometime in the fall of the year 1777; they were married by a Baptist minister named John Alderson; some 18 months after their marriage Henry Howard enlisted again in the service but the deponent does not remember the names of the officers. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 14: On May to, 1843 in Estill County Kentucky Ephraim Hatten, 59, gave testimony that he was acquainted with Henry & Isabella Howard for the last 46 years; that he, affiant, has the age of his wife who is a daughter of Henry & Isabella in his family Bible which was written about 16 years ago by a man by the name of Emanuel Sims [?], that said record shows that Susannah Hatton was born September 19, 1783. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 2nd day of August 1783, in the name of Henry Howard, as a Soldier of Infantry for £16.13.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Craine and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
27th day of March 1843.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[p 31: In a document dated April 18, 1850 filed in Clarke County Kentucky by Isabella Howard, 85, a resident of said County; the widow stated that her husband "was a private in the Army of the Revolution and in the service as Militia man and belonged and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McMullin."]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the Virginia service.]