

**Pension Application for Aaron Howell or Howel**

S.44939

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District of New York SS.

On this sixth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Queens County in the State of New York being a Court of Record which proceeds according to the course of Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of these proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, Aaron Howell aged sixty three years resident in the Town of Oyster Bay in Queens County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he inlisted [enlisted] in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment (being the first New York Regiment) in Captain Johnsons Company in the New York line and on the Continental Establishment and served in that company and regiment for about three years and until he was honorably discharged from the service in the year 1783—

That for his said services he has received a pension Certificate numbered 2223 and his declaration in order to obtain such pension was made and bears date on the seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

Real Estate None

Person Estate none except necessary clothing, have no bed or bedding.

And I further declare and say that my occupation is that of Labourer, which for thirty years past and upwards I have only been able to [blank] for my victuals and clothes, that I have no family whatever and have no one to contribute to my support for which support I have been solely dependant upon my labour as above mentioned but from the infirmities of age I am now unable to support myself without the pension granted to me as aforesaid except by private or public. (Signed with his mark) Aaron Howell

Sworn to and declared on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 before the Judges in Open Court. Edward Parker Dep Clk, of Queens

Letter in folder dated September 19, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 44939, it appears that Aaron Howell enlisted in New York State in 1777, served as a private in captain Johnson's Company, Colonel VanSchaick's New York Regiment, was at the Siege of Yorktown and was discharged in October 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 7, 1818, at which time he was sixty years of age and resided in Queens County, New York.

In 1820 he stated that he was aged sixty-three years and resided in Oyster Bay, Queens County, New York. He then stated that he had no family whatever.

The Revolutionary War records of this Bureau fail to afford any information in regard to a soldier surnamed Howell (Howel) whose first name begins with the letter J., who served with the New York Troops.