

Valley Forge Association of Pennsylvania

Official Certification of Service

*Valley Forge Winter Encampment 1777-1778
Winter encampment under the command of General George Washington*

Major Richard Howell

2nd New Jersey Regiment ~ Maxwell's Brigade

1777-1778



William A. Henderson

Descendant – 5th Great Grandson

2nd New Jersey Regiment Maxwell's Brigade

History

- Organized December 1775 at Burlington and Trenton from Gloucester, Huntington, Burlington, Salem and Sussex Counties.
- Entered Valley Forge with 275 assigned, 204 fit for duty.
- Left Valley Forge in March 1778 for New Jersey with 443 assigned 373 fit for duty.
- Previous engagements: Defense of Canada, Lake Champlain, Northern New Jersey, Defense of Philadelphia, Philadelphia-Monmouth

Field Officers

Colonel Israel Shreve
Lt. Colonel William D'Hart
Major Richard Howell

Company Commanders

Captain John Cumming
Captain John Sparks
Captain John Hollingshead
Captain Nathaniel Bowman
Captain Henry Luce
Captain William Helms
Captain Samuel Heading
Captain Jonathan Phillips
Captain James Dillen

Regimental Staff

Quartermaster Benjamin Osmon
Adjutant Luther Halsey
Paymaster John Peck
Paymaster William Shute
Surgeon Lewis Howell
Surgeon's Mate Ebenezer Elmer
Quartermaster Sergeant George McDonald
Sergeant Major William Barr
Drum Major William Burless

Richard Howell's Info

Major Richard Howell Staff Officer
State: New Jersey
Ethnicity:
Division: Support
Brigade: Maxwell's
Regiment: 2nd New Jersey
Company: Staff

DEC 1777	Present
JAN 1778	On Roll Without Comment
FEB 1778	On Roll Without Comment
MAR 1778	On Roll Without Comment

Notes: Howell's grand daughter was Varina Howell, the wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.
He resigned 7 April 1779. Howell spent 53 pounds for clothing in June. Data provided by the Valley Forge
Master Roll website ==> <http://valleyforgemusterroll.org/regiments/nj2.asp>