

## Patriot Groves Howard

Some of the following description was written by Memucan Hunt Howard, grandson of Groves Howard, and published in A Record of the Hunt and Howard Families in 1884. Groves Howard was also my (Carl's) 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather. Memucan says that Groves Howard was born on 5 Nov 1733 on Chesapeake Bay in Maryland or Virginia and that the family was originally from Wales. Groves married Hannah Allen on 7 Mar 1760. She was the daughter of William and Francis Allen. Groves Howard settled about six miles northwest of Oxford, Granville County, NC, on the headwaters of the North Fork of the Tar River where he died on 7 Jan 1807, after he and Hannah reared a family of fourteen children – five sons and nine daughters – all of whom but the youngest daughter married and settled before his death.

Groves' and Hannah's fourth-born son was Barnett Howard (Carl's 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather). Barnett married Jane Hunt on 13 Mar 1794 and they had nine children. Memucan Hunt Howard was their third-born, and second-born son; Thomas Allen Howard, the eighth child (and Carl's 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather), was born 17 Jan 1814. Thomas married Susan Powell on 16 Jul 1850 in Paris, Henry County, TN. They had nine children including two daughters, Emma and Allene. Carl's great grandfather, Robert Reuben Wiggins, married Emma Howard on 22 Jan 1875 and they had two sons, the second of which was my (Carl III's) grandfather, Carl M Wiggins, Sr. Emma died in 1879 when my grandfather Carl Sr. was 2 years old. Robert Wiggins then married Emma's sister, Allene, on 11 Oct 1884 in Henry County, TN, and they had six children – all half-siblings of my grandfather Carl Sr.

In his A Record of the Hunt and Howard Families Memucan wrote, "Groves Howard and his oldest son, Allen, were in the Revolutionary army. When my grandfather (Groves) and his son Allen were in the Revolutionary army, my grandmother Howard kept up family prayers, as did my father (Barnett), day and night, from my earliest recollection until the day of his death." Groves Howard was a soldier in State Militia of North Carolina. He appears in the Muster Roll for Granville County Militia 8 Oct 1754 (CSR No. 51). Groves Howard is #56 in Capt. John Sallis' NC State Militia Company on page 376 of the document CSR No. 51.\* Captain John Sallis lived on Fox Creek west of Oxford in northwest Granville County and moved to Georgia sometime around 1758, first in Burke County and then Warren County, Georgia. Groves Howard furnished supplies to the Continental Army. He took the Oath of Allegiance. He served as Constable of the Tar River District, Granville County, North Carolina after the war until 1788.

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\* North Carolina, Colonial and State Records: <http://docsouth.unc.edu/csr/index.php/volumes>  
Colonial Records: Colonial Records Published in State  
Volumes: <http://docsouth.unc.edu/csr/index.php/colonial>

CSR No. 51: Muster Roll for the Granville County Militia, William Eaton, 8 Oct  
1754 <http://docsouth.unc.edu/csr/index.php/document/csr22-0111>

For his complete military record see "Account of the United States with North Carolina, War of the Revolution, report # 81, Colonial States Records, Book C, p. 47, Vol. IV, pp. 96-98, Historical Commission Office, Wake County, Raleigh, North Carolina.