

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Holland S32327

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State of Alabama Limestone County} SS

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court in & for the County of Limestone State of Alabama now sitting, Thomas Holland a resident in the County of Limestone aforesaid aged sixty-nine years, who being first 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That in the winter of 1777 – '78, he cannot recollect the month but knows that he was then in the fifteenth year of his age, he joined the militia of the State of South Carolina as a volunteer & entered the company of militia commanded by Thomas Weemes [Thomas Weems] as Captain & Joseph Pickens as Lieutenant. That said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Andrew Pickens as Colonel. That at the time of joining said Regiment ~~Samuel Taylor~~, Robert Anderson, ~~William Strain~~ & Samuel McCall & Robert Maxwell severally commanded companies in said Regiment, said Robert Anderson afterwards became the Colonel & said Samuel Taylor the Major of said Regiment, that immediately after joining said Regiment as aforesaid he was marched from 96 District to the Savannah River in Georgia & stationed at Fort Charlotte, which was one mile below the mouth of Broad River on the South Carolina side of the River & that he was stationed at said Fort about three months & from thence being dismissed went to his place of residence, the district of Ninety Six afterwards called Abbeville District. That not long after his return home, he was drafted into said company then commanded by said Joseph Pickens as Captain & William Strane [William Strain] as Lieutenant & that said company was marched to Fort Independence on Rocky River in South Carolina which said Fort was under the command of Captain Tutt [Benjamin Tutt] a regular officer, & that he served at said Fort & in marching to [indecipherable word or words] thence, three months which was the full time for which he was drafted. That after his return home from Fort Independence said Company was organized as a company of minute men under said Joseph Pickens as Captain & said Strain as Lieutenant; That while he was attached to said Company he was called into frequent service against the Tories & marched at different times to Edisto & Black Swamp in South Carolina & was present at Kettle Creek [February 14, 1779] in Georgia when said Colonel Andrew Pickens defeated the Tories, which was in 1779. That he believes he was in actual service whilst engaged in said service as a minute man, at least twelve months. That after the time was out as a minute man, he was marched in the same company commanded by said Joseph Pickens, as a volunteer to the siege [May 22-June 19, 1781] of Ninety Six (afterwards called Cambridge). That his Captain said Joseph Pickens was killed at

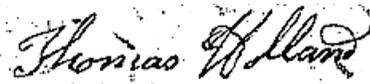
said siege. That General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief at said siege is the only officer in the regular service whose name he now recollects. That he thinks he was about two months in service in this campaign. After his return home, sometimes afterwards he was drafted for three months and the said company commanded by said William Strain as Captain & said Anderson was the Colonel & said Taylor the Major of the Regiment to which said Company belonged & was marched under said Andrew Pickens as Brigadier General through the upper part of Georgia against the Cherokee Indians whose towns they broke up & killed many of the Indians. That he served 3 months on this campaign. That he was born in the State of Maryland near the Pennsylvania line & that his father removed from thence to the said District of Ninety Six, That he was born 17th December 1763, & that it was so entered in his father's family Bible, that after the revolutionary war he continued a short time in said Abbeville District & removed thence to Wilkes County State of Georgia & from thence removed to Pendleton District South Carolina & thence removed to Madison County State of Alabama in the year 1812 & from thence removed into Limestone County State of Alabama about 1815 – where he has ever since & still resides. That he can prove his services by William Eddins Senior & Joseph McClusky & has no documentary evidence of his services having never received any written discharge.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert Austin, Jr. Clk

S/ Thomas Holland



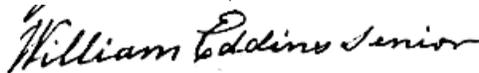
[William Eddins, a clergyman, and Reuben Tillman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Alabama Limestone County

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court in & for the County of Limestone State of Alabama, now sitting, William Eddins¹ & Joseph McClusky who being first duly sworn according to law – That said Eddins saith that he was personally acquainted with Thomas Holland from the year 1777 – that he knows of his having served most of the times & places as stated by him this day in his Declaration in open Court & is fully satisfied that the declaration subscribed & sworn to by him is strictly true, That he was in the same Brigade with said Holland & knew of his serving as he states when he was marched to Black Swamp & Edisto & to the siege of Ninety Six afterwards called Cambridge & he also knew of his marching on his campaign against the Cherokee Indians in the State of Georgia, that he was with said Holland in said campaign & is satisfied from his recollection & knowledge of his said services that said Holland served in the said South Carolina militia during the revolutionary war more than two years –

S/ William Eddins, Senior



Said Joseph McCluskey² maketh oath that he was personally acquainted with the said Thomas Holland before the revolutionary war having lived in the same neighborhood with him, That he

¹ [William Eddings S3326](#)

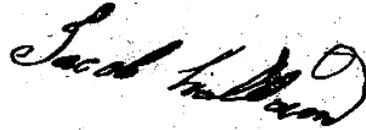
² [Joseph McCluskey \(McCloskey, McCleskey\) W1449](#)

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Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Restatement of the veteran's services as set forth above except in a slightly different format.]

Received 25 April 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury and Indent No. 499, Book O for the above in full Satisfaction for the Same

By Virtue of an Order
S/ Jacob holland



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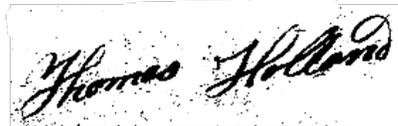
State of South Carolina Ninety Six District}

To the Publick treasurers

of said State

Gentlemen/ Please to Deliver to Mr. Jacob Holland the indents Due to me for my Services to the Publick; included in Returns made by Col. Robert Anderson into the auditor's office as I have entrusted the said Jacob Holland to Receive the same for me as witness my hand this 27 day of May 1785

S/ Thomas Holland



This is to Certify that Thomas Holland Did Sign the above order in my Presence this 27 Day of May 1785

S/ Willm Luckie, JP

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 499 Book O]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Jacob Holland and John Walker.]