

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Holland R5142

Mary Holland

f27NC

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State of North Carolina Haywood County} On this 30th day of April 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County & State Mrs. Mary Holland a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty four 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 7th 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows["] – That she is the widow of John Holland who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution he entered the Service of the State of North Carolina he was drafted and served under Hardy Homes [Hardy Holmes] Captain and served eighteen months and was discharged and entered a second time as an Indian Spy and served six months more his officers under whom he served she does not recollect.

She further declares that owing to the lapse of time old age and bodily infirmity she does not recollect the particulars of his Service she does not recollect the particulars of his Services she well recollects of his being in a battle at the time of Gates defeat at Camden [August 15-16, 1780]. She further declares that she was married to the said John Holland in the year 1784 and that he died in said County and State on the 3 day of December 1829 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear. She further declares that she was not married to the said John Holland prior to his leaving the Service but that the marriage took place prior to the first of January 1794 namely at the time above stated. She further declares that her husband's discharge has been lost or destroyed.

S/ Mary Holland, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Haywood County} Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and State Elijah Henson¹ aged eighty two years who was a Soldier in the war of the revolution and is now drawing a pension and is a resident of said County and State who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit – that he was well acquainted with John Holland who is now dead and was in the United States Service with him and served with him during the revolutionary [war] and knew him to be a good Soldier and Served under Captain Hardy Holmes for eighteen months and then he served three months

¹ The only federal pensioner I could find by this or any similar name who resided in Haywood County was Elijah Henson W1767, but he claimed service in the Virginia Line. He does not mention anything about having acted as an officer in the NC militia. Also, the pensioner by that name signed his own name to this application.

more under myself and I knew him to be a good Soldier and that he served as such and as here stated. This affiant further declares that the said John Holland was married after he returned from the Service and after the close of the war to Mary Holland whose name was Mary wise before she intermarried with the aforesaid John Holland. This affiant declares that he was well acquainted with her before she was married the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1795 and they lived together as husband and wife up to the death of her husband the said John Holland.

S/ Elijah Henson, X his mark

[p 13: the future 17th President of the US, Andrew Johnson, appears to have taken a personal interest in this application as indicated by the following:

*Washington City,
June the 18th 1864*

Sir
There are several applications before you, that have been submitted by me to obtain pensions, which has not been decided by you as an applicant - as the cases come up, and are passed upon by you - you will please inform for me of such decisions when made - Openville Tennessee -

I have the honor to be very &c

A. Johnson

[p 2: On December 13, 1853 in Haywood County North Carolina, Zilla Hinsland filed a power of attorney in which she states she is the daughter of John and Mary Holland.]

[p 15: A. C. Hartgrove filed a power of attorney dated March 26, 1857 as the administrator of the estate of Mary Holland. In this document he states that she died September as 2, 1853.]