

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Holliday R5149

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: SS

On this thirtieth day of March 1852 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable W D Steele, William Holliday, a resident of Greenville District in the State aforesaid, aged eighty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he volunteered under Captain Walker [possibly either Captain Benjamin well William Walker] in Wilkes County Georgia in the War of the Revolution when he was but a youth, to continue during the War; Major John Rhines, other Officers not recollected, marched to Augusta and was there at Clark's defeat, he marched much through Georgia and South Carolina and was in the Battles in Augusta, one at Wrightsborough which town was burned by the Whigs on driving out the British. That he continued in actual service under the same Officers two years and six months, and was discharged honorably, but not in writing, he did not know the necessity of getting and preserving such a thing. And now at his advanced age he is unable to recollect, to tell anything like and accurate account of his services. That he was not aware until lately that he could have any chance to procure a pension without positive proof by two witnesses of his services, and that by those who served with him, and that he is his reason for not long since making this application. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

To the questions put by the Court by direction of the War Department he answers as follows

1st. He was born in Columbia County Georgia on the 7th day of February 1764.

2nd. His sister as his Father's Bible in which he is Birth is recorded, and which he has seen a few years ago.

3rd. He lived in Wilkes County Georgia when he entered the service & remained there until about 15 years ago when he came to South Carolina.

4th. He was a volunteer.

5th. He was with no regulars.

6 he got no written discharge.

7th. The men with whom he is now well acquainted of respectability and he thinks will testify to his proof and honesty of character art Doctor John C Sullivan, John Bagwell, Austin Williams, Esquire, Hiram Cooly, Honorable T E Ware & Captain Adam Jones

Sworn to in open Court

S/ William D. Steele

S/ William Holliday, X his mark

[Israel Chapman, a clergyman, and Stephen Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Greenville District: Personally appears Mrs. Elizabeth Pike, aged about eighty-seven years, before me & being duly sworn makes oath that she has known William Holliday, a revolutionary soldier, nearly all her life. That her father, Daniel Johnson, lived near Augusta Georgia, during the war of the revolution & was a soldier, on the side of America, during the greater part of the war. It was about the time that General Clark, (in whose Army the deponent's father then was) marched against the British at Augusta, that the deponent became acquainted with said William Holliday, who was there in a company commanded by Captain Walker in General Clark's Army. During the siege of Augusta or about that time the said William Holliday came with her father to her father's house & had a wound in one of his thighs which he said was received at the siege of Augusta & which this deponent remembers to have assisted in dressing. Deponent was also informed that the said Holliday was appointed a Lieutenant for his good conduct at the siege of Augusta. Holliday remained at her father's house until his wound was quite healed when he returned to his duty & was with her father the said Daniel Johnson, in service, under General Clark, against the Indians in Georgia & East Tennessee, as she was informed & believes, until peace was declared. The said William Holliday afterwards removed to & settled in Greenville District aforesaid (where this deponent had also settled) and married a woman by the name of coolly. That the said Holliday still resides in Greenville District aforesaid, & he is the identical person she knew as a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18th day of February A.D. 1856

S/ W. H. Campbell, N. P.

S/ Elizabeth Pike, X her mark

[f p. 13: Martha Roe of Pickens district South Carolina gave testimony that she saw William Holliday in service under Captain Walker in General Clark's Brigade marching to and from the city of Augusta; that he served at least 10 months. Her affidavit is dated January 14, 1854 and signed by her in what appears to be her own handwriting.]

[f p. 17: copy of a certificate dated April 24, 1784 signed by Elijah Clark, Colonel, stating that William Holloday [sic] a citizen is entitled to 250 acres of land as a County agreeable to an act of assembly dated August 20, 1781.]

[f p. 17: Copy of a certificate dated March 25, 1784 signed by J. Houstoun stating that William Holloday [sic] Lieutenant is entitled to 250 acres as a County agreeable to the act of assembly dated August 20, 1781 as certified by Colonel Clark.]