

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Featherstone (Fetherstan) Holt R5181

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: August Sessions 1832

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of pleas & quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Featherstone Holt now a resident of said County aged seventy-four 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 act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That in the spring of the year 1780 as well as he now recollects he entered the service of the United States as a drafted soldier, under Captain Wooldridge of the same County & State with himself (viz.) Surry County North Carolina, he was drafted for three months and sent to the Moravian Town in North Carolina as a guard over British and Tory prisoners there stationed where he remained to the best of his recollection about 9 weeks when the prisoners were sent to Hillsboro North Carolina and there being no longer a press for men he went home (to Surry County) on furlough a short time before the expiration of the term for which he was drafted. During his stay in Surry County he was frequently in the summer of 1780 out on scouting parties after the Tories for a few days at a time, volunteering his service, under Major Winston. In the succeeding fall he was again drafted under Colonel Williams and Major Winston for 3 months, they passed the forks of the Yadkin River in Surry through Wilkes & Burke County ranging after the Tories then infesting that country, he was however discharged on furlough before the expiration of 3 months and not again called on.

At the time he was drafted he was a resident of Surry County North Carolina, and he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service.

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

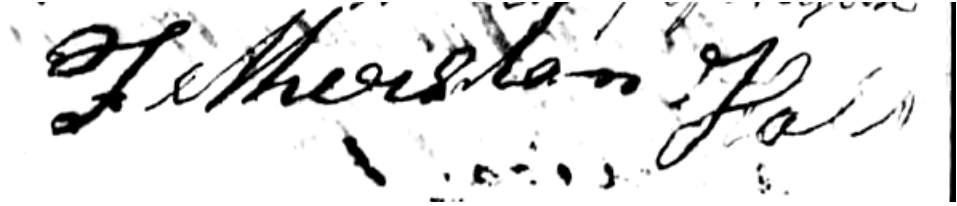
There is not any Minister of the gospel in his vicinity who can certify for him. And he has not any Documentary evidence to prove his service. He has not lived in Hawkins County but a few years and came to Tennessee from Stokes County North Carolina where he resided from

the end of the war until he came to Tennessee.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court 30th day of August 1832

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clk

S/ Fetherstan Holt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fetherstan Holt", enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Bartlett Belcher gave a supporting affidavit.]