

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Holt R5182

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832

[State of North Carolina Orange County]

On this the 27th day of October 1834 personally appeared at his own residence before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange aforesaid Francis Holt a resident Citizen of Orange aforesaid now in the 74th year of his age, 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

His Declarant on or about the first of September 1779 volunteered as a Light horseman in the Service of the United States in a Company of Cavalry of which company William Rogers was Captain, John Campbell Lieutenant and Edward Guinn [Edward Gwinn?], Major & Superior officer. Our object was to suppress the Tories who were becoming very Trouble[some] South of us; we rendezvoused at the Court House in Orange aforesaid, We ranged through Sandy Creek neighborhood in Randolph County, Drowning Creek in Richmond where we were stationed some weeks; and whilst at this station made some prisoners, this station this Declarant thinks was then called "Graham's Bridge": from Graham's Bridge we were marched to Chatham County Crossed Deep River at Ramsey's Mills (now Baylan's) passed through Pittsboro, Crossed Haw River at Red-field Ford, thence to Hillsboro, and from thence was one of the guard that conducted the prisoners to Halifax Court House North Carolina – thence returned to Hillsboro and was regularly discharged there on the first day of December following having served the United States a tour of 3 months and this Declarant further says that in this tour he found his own horse.

On the first day of April 1780, this Declarant again volunteered as a Light horseman (and again finding his own horse) in a Company of Cavalry commanded by William Rogers; Lieutenant not recollected, Colonel O'Neal was our Superior Officer. We rendezvoused at

O'Neal's; our object was now as in the first Tour to suppress the Tories who were embodying in Randolph & Moore counties: – Marched to Randolph old Court House – thence to Sandy Creek, thence to Moore County, thence to Buffalo Ford on Deep River, where we were stationed a month or so, with some other militia Companies, Scouring that Section of the Country – Captain Trousdale's Company joined us year: – Marched from thence through the Eastern part of Chatham County – where we attacked a party of Tories and made some prisoners which we sent under guard to the Town of Hillsboro – We were marched back to O'Neal's and discharged, the first day of July following, having served the United States as a Light horseman three months.

3rd This declarant volunteered a third time in the service of the United States as a private in a company of Militia under the command of Captain George Hodge, Robert Scoby Lieutenant – John Steel Ensign – Butler General Guinn Colonel. We rendezvoused at the Town of Hillsboro in about three days after that town was taken, perhaps, about the 15th of September, 1781, our object was to overtake Colonel Fanning and release the prisoners he made when he took said Town: we pursued him with other troops to the Raft Swamps where we had an engagement with the enemy out of Wilmington – Thence up to Cross Creek – thence to the Pedee [River] at Hailey's Ferry during which tour we had several encounters with the enemy took several prisoners which we sent under guard to Rutherford's Camp below us – and were at Hailey's Ferry when our tour expired and came home & received Discharges (a verbal only, he thinks) from our Superior officers (with us) (Colonel Guinn) on the 20th of December 1781 having served the United States in this tour something over 3 months.

4th. This Declarant volunteered in Hillsboro a fourth & last time in the Service of the United States as a private in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain James Trousdale, Lieutenant not remembered, General Mebane & Colonel Guinn, were our Superior Officers. We were marched to Luttrell's Barracks in Chatham North Carolina about the 15th day of April 1782: where we remained a few weeks, thence were marched to the Buffalo Ford where we encamped about one month thence to Ramsey's Mill: thence to Pittsboro, thence to Cain Creek crossing Hall River at Red field Ford – Thence to Armstrong's Ford, thence to Colonel O'Neal's, where we were all regularly discharged on the 20th day of July 1782 – Having served in this tour a few days over 3 months: In all 12 months & 10 days.

That he was born in the aforesaid County of Orange on the 11th day of February 1760

That he has a record of his Age.

That he was living in Orange aforesaid when called into service and has been living there ever since.

That he entered the United States service as a volunteer & in a regularly organized Corps

That he knew Colonel Lytle, Colonel Robert Mebane, Colonel Lee, Colonel Jo Williams (Continental) & General Butler, Colonel O'Neal, Major Guinn, Major Taylor, Colonel Hugh Tinnen & others (militia)

That he received discharges but that they are now all lost.

That he received 3 written discharges from Captain Rogers, Colonel O'Neal & Colonel Guinn –

That he is known in his neighborhood to (Digg) George Albright, Doctor William Montgomery, Jacob Loy, Major William Paterson & others –

That he has no Documentary evidence of his Services, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services (all his revolutionary compatriots having either removed or died).

That there is no clergyman living near to him –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present &

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, and from bodily infirmity cannot attend Court: –
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Holt, X his mark

S/ A. W. Albright, JP

[Doctor William Montgomery, Jacob Loy & George Albright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On April 11, 1835 in Orange County North Carolina, Rachel Holt, in the 72nd year of her age gave a supporting affidavit in which he refers to Francis Holt as her brother.]

[fn p. 8: likewise, on April 11, 1835 in Orange County North Carolina William Holt, about 55 years of age, gave testimony that he has heard his father Nicholas Holt, now deceased, frequently say in his lifetime that he, Nicholas served in the United States service during the revolution with Francis Holt.]