Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant Record Card John Houghland Reg.13240 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Bounty Land Warrant Record Card

Name: Houghland, John Grade: Private Line: Lee's Legion Warrant Number: 13240 Acreage: 100 Issued: June 7, 1790 to John Houghland

Also B.L.Wt.118-60-55

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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

Revolutionary claims

Under the act, entitled "An act for relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved 15th May 1828

Treasury Department 3rd February 1831

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry I have to inform you that Mr. John Houghland of the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina whose claim under the above mentioned act was allowed [see Note below] as a Dragoon, represents that he enlisted for during the war and continued in its service until its termination at which period he was a private in Captain Rodolph's [Michael Rudolph's] Company in Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Legion. The only evidence transmitted by him is the joint affidavit of Edward Smith & Thomas Boyer, that he is generally reputed and believed to have served in manner as represented.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

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Washington City 12th February 1831

His Excellency John Floyd

Dr. Sir:

The enclosed communication from the Secretary of the Treasury representing John Houghland of Mecklenburg County North Carolina to be on the Pension list in his office, was obtained by me, believing, that, it would be sufficient, to authorize the issuing a warrant in favor of him, due from Virginia for Land, his name is on the rolls as a soldier in Lee's Legion: There is

in the Treasury Department a general Power of Attorney to me from Houghland and a copy of it, I requested, but they have omitted to send it to me. If it should be deemed indispensable may I asked the favor of you to advise me: And at the same time, request the most convenient early attention to it.

I have the honor to be Most Respectfully Your Obedient Servant S/ Henry W Connor¹

[Note: I very carefully examined the indices trying to identify a possible candidate for this veteran as a pensioner under the 1828 act. I could not identify a likely candidate. If anyone can identify a likely candidate, please let me know.]

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¹ CONNOR, Henry William, a Representative from North Carolina; born near Amelia Court House, Prince George County, Va., August 5, 1793; was graduated from South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) at Columbia in 1812; served as aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Joseph Graham with rank of major in the expedition against the Creek Indians in 1814; settled in Falls Town, Iredell County, N.C.; engaged in planting; elected as a Republican to the Seventeenth Congress; elected as a Jackson Republican to the Eighteenth Congress; elected as a Jacksonian to the Nineteenth through the Twenty-fourth Congresses, and elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1841); chairman, Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads (Twenty-second through Twenty-fifth Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1840; member of the State senate 1848-1850; died at Beatties Ford, Lincoln County, N.C., January 6, 1866; interment in Rehoboth Methodist Church Cemetery, near Sherrills Ford, Catawba County, N.C. http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=C000700