

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Benjamin Holladay S31136

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State of Kentucky } Sct
County of Owen }

On this 4th day of June 1833 personally appeared before Smith Calvert a Justice of the peace in and for said county being also a member of the Owen County Court - Benjamin Holladay a resident of the County of Owen and State of Kentucky, aged 82 years, (who from bodily infirmity is unable to attend the proper court to make his declaration) 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 that is to say being a resident of the County of — on the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River] in the State of South Carolina he did on the [blank] day of June 1776 he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man and private soldier in the Company of Capt Isham Moore upon a tour of three months. that he rendezvoused with his company as well as he remembers at the house of Capt Moore and was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Singleton - that he was immediately upon his entry into the service as aforesaid appointed orderly sergeant of his Company and served as such during the whole of his said tour. that he was marched from his said place of Rendezvous immediately to Charlestown in South Carolina where he was kept stationed during the whole of his said tour and at the termination thereof he was discharged and returned to his residence in the said state of South Carolina. He states that Col [William] Moultrie had the command of the post on Sullivans Island as he understood whom he recollects to have seen on this tour & he recollects also to have seen Gen'l. [Charles] Lee. He does not at this time recollect the names of any of the other officers whom he was upon this tour.

He further declares that being a resident of the same county and state above named [see note below] he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier on the [blank] day of April in the year 1780 as well as he now remembers upon a tour of six months in the Company of Captain John Holladay and immediately thereupon he was appointed an orderly sergeant of his said company and served as such during the whole of his said tour. he states that he rendezvoused with his said company at the house of John Holladay who lived in the same county with this declarant and who was the Captain of the company as above named. that he was marched with his company to Hillsborough in North Carolina where he remained for some time and then joined the army of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates. And the army then marched into South Carolina against the British. that he and his company were attached to the regiment commanded by Col. [George] Stubblefield the Lt. Col. of which was Joseph Spencer. that after the army went to South Carolina it was marched toward Camden and the battle between the army of Gen'l. Gates and the British Army under Cornwallis at that place was fought [16 Aug 1780] in which action this declarant was not engaged having been left at Hillsborough with a portion of his company to assist in taking care of the public stores — that the troops there were under the Command of Major Massert [sic: John Mazaret of the VA State Artillery] - that after the defeat of Camden he remained at Hillsborough for some time and then left it and continued with the main army till the expiration of his tour of duty and was then discharged and returned home — He recollects upon this tour to have seen besides his own immediate officers Cols [John] Glenn & [Holt] Richardson - Genls. Gates & [Edward] Stevens.

He further states and declares that being then a resident of the County of Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] in the State of Virginia he again entered the service of the United States on the [blank] day of April 1781 as a private volunteer soldier upon a tour of two months in the company of Capt Johnson, that he rendezvoused with his company at Needwood[?] in Caroline County Virginia and was attached to the regiment of Col. Oliver Tolls [sic: Oliver Towles] - and to the Brigade of Genl. [Robert] Lawson. that he was marched from his said place of rendezvous and joined the Army of Lafayette at a place called the burnt Honory [sic: Burnt Ordinary about 8

mi NW of Williamsburg] & that he continued in the service actively engaged during the whole of his tour and was at the termination thereof discharged & returned to Spottsylvania County Va. He recollects to have seen upon this tour Gen'ls. [Baron von] Steuben & Lafayette & Cols Greene [sic: John Green] & Dark [sic: William Darke]

He further declares that on the [blank] day of July 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as private volunteer soldier in the Company of Capt Thomas Tolls [sic: Thomas Towles] upon a tour of two months - that he rendezvoused with his company at the White Plains in Spottsylvania County where he still lived and was marched from thence to Caroline County Va. from thence to New Castle in Hanover County Va and from thence to Fredericksburg Va where he remained stationed during the balance of his tour and at the termination thereof was discharged — he does not recollect to have been under the command of any officer during this tour of higher grade than Captain.

He further declares that immediately after the termination of his above named tour to wit in the month of Sept'r 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man and private soldier upon a tour of two months in the company of Capt. Harry Stubblefield — that he rendezvoused at Jack Holladays old place in the said county of Spottsylvania where he this declarent still resided and was marched with his company from thence to Springfield Va. where he remained stationed a short time and was then marched back to Spottsylvania County and there kept stationed during the residue of his tour of duty having in charge & assisting in guarding a quantity of public stores. That upon the expiration of his said tour he was discharged

He states that from his advanced age and consequent loss of memory he is unable to state with as much certainty and precision as he could wish the times and other circumstances attending his service but from his present best recollection he served in the manner & at the times above named and not less than nine months as an orderly sergeant and six months as a private soldier in the army of the revolution and for such service he claims a pension.

He states that he has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said service or any part of it

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Ben Holladay
Interrogatories put to the abovenamed applicant by Smith Calvert the abovementioned justice of the peace -

1st. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Spottsylvania County Va. in the year 1751 according to my best information

2^d. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have no record of my age in my immediate possession. My age was recorded in my fathers family Bible

3^d. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer Upon my two first tours of duty I was living in South Carolina having changed my residence from Spottsylvania County Va. temporarily when I entered the service upon my other tours I lived in Spottsylvania County Va - where I continued to reside till 1789 when I moved to Fayette County Ky. where I continued to reside for some time and from thence moved to Madison County Ky. and from thence to Estill County Ky and from thence to Gallatin County Ky. and I now live in Owen County Ky. and have been living in the last mentioned county for 13 years past

4th. How were you called into the service: were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. Upon three of my tours I volunteered upon the other two I was a drafted Militia Man.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer. I recollect to have seen Gen'ls. Gates, Lawson, Stevens, Weeden [sic: George Weedon],

Lafayette, Steuben and Cols. Morgan, Greene, Tolls, Glenn, Stubblefield. Upon my first tour I was marched to Charlestown in South Carolina and there kept stationed until its expiration. upon my second tour I was kept stationed principally at Hillsborough in North Carolina. Upon my third tour I was with the troops in Virginia endeavoring to protect the Country from the British army under Cornwallis. Upon my fourth & fifth tours I was engaged in the same kind of service and also in taking care of the public stores.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it

Answer. If I ever rec'd. a discharge in writing I have forgotten it.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer I will name Benjamin F. Kenney and John Wright as persons to whom I am known Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Ben Holladay

NOTE: Gen. Stevens and Cols. Glenn and Richardson were in the Virginia Militia, and John Holladay was Captain of the Spotsylvania County VA Militia, suggesting that Benjamin Holladay had already moved back to Spotsylvania County by the time of his tour to Hillsborough.

Addendum to Benjamin Holladay S31136

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Benjamin Holladay pp 3

Audited Account No. 3685A

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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 138 Book Q dated May 9, 1785” delivered to Mr. Benjⁿ Holladay, this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE, for the Sum of Five pounds, four Shillings, & three Pence, farthing, Sterling, for 73 days Militia Duty in 1782 per Account Audited.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Thomas Andrews, Thomas Sumter and George James. How these men acquired an interest in the Indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The number behind the ‘pp’ indicates the number of pages in the file and the ‘Audited Account No.’ is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.