

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Holman S31753

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United States of America

Territory of Arkansas County of Hempstead Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Thomas P Eskridge one of the Judges of the Superior Court of the Territory of Arkansas aforesaid and sole Judge now sitting and presiding in the Circuit Court holden in and for the County of Hempstead aforesaid John Holman a resident of the County of Hempstead and Territory of Arkansas about ninety-six years old 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 of June the 7th 1832, to wit,

That from the best information in his possession, he was born on or about the twenty fifth day of December 1736 in Goochland County State of Virginia where he was raised and lived until he was about forty-two years old he then removed to North Carolina where he resided two or three years from thence he removed to Powell's Valley in the State of Virginia where he resided about two years thence he removed to Kentucky to a place called the Crab Orchard where he made to crops thence he removed down Kentucky to a place within 6 or 8 miles of Bairds town where he resided about seven years, thence he removed about twenty miles to a place called rough creek where he resided about twelve years, from thence he removed lower down towards a place called Hartford where he resided about eight years, from thence he removed West of the Mississippi River to a place called St. Michael where he resided about twelve years from thence he removed to Hempstead County Arkansas Territory now his present place of residence where he has resided upwards of seven years.

That from lapse of time he finds himself unable to state all the particulars that occurred during the revolutionary war.

That he entered the service of the United States in the latter part of the year 1777 as a militia man in the State of Virginia and belonged to a company of infantry commanded by Captain Stokely Tols [Stockley Towles], that he marched up the country about two hundred and fifty miles to someplace the name of which he does not recollect in the latter part of the year of 1777 or the early part of the year 1788 [sic] where he was employed in guarding prisoners that were surrendered by General Burgoyne for several months, that he served upwards of six months as a militia man and obtained a discharge of his Captain which is now lost or mislaid.

The following interrogatories were propounded to the said John Holman by the court to wit

1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in the State of Virginia on Christmas day in the year of 1736.

2nd. Have you any record of your age if so where is it.

Answer. I have no record of my age. I once had it set down in a Bible but it was burnt up.

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

Answer. I lived in the State of Virginia when I entered the Service. I have already stated where I lived since the revolutionary war and where I now live.

4th. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer. I was drafted but never served as a substitute:

5th State the names of the general of forces who were with the troops where you served and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I was acquainted with Colonel Lewis and Captain Toes and others but I cannot recollect their names at this time, my memory having failed me to a considerable extent.

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

Answer. I did receive a discharge of Captain Stokely Toes which is now lost.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a soldier in the Revolution.

Answer. I am known to and well acquainted with the Reverend Ben Pierson, Bartlett Zachary and John Callaway who can testify and make statements as to my integrity and honesty.

This deponent further states that he never received a pension from the United States government or any state. He also states that he never applied for a pension for his services.

And that I the said John Holman do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

S/ John Holman



[John Callaway, of Clark County , territory of Arkansas and Bartlett Zachary Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Benjamin Pierson, a clergyman, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]