

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Holtz S38013

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Virginia, Augusta County to wit

John Holtz this day personally appeared before me John Brown Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Staunton District in the State aforesaid and being duly sworn as the law directs says that in the year 1775 he enlisted in Captain (afterwards General) Daniel Morgan's Company of Rifle men, and was taken with him at Québec [December 31, 1775]. That after his releasement, on parole, he was prevailed on to enlist with Captain John Hays in the 9th Virginia Regiment, then commanded by Colonel George Mathews; that he remained in Captain Hays is Company till about the month of June 1777 when on the application of his former Captain (then Colonel) Morgan, he entered into his Rifle Regiment, where he remained till after the Capture of Burgoyne in October 1777. Afterwards, on the promotion of Colonel Morgan to the rank of Brigadier General the said Holtz with several others of Colonel Morgan's rifle Regiment were permitted to enlist in Captain William Washington's Troop of horse. That he did enlist with said Washington, who was then a Captain in Colonel Milan's [Stephen Moylan's?] Regiment, and remained with him till he was transferred to the command of Baylor's [George Baylor's] Regiment.

The said Holtz remained in Colonel Milan's Regiment till he was detailed as one of General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] lifeguards, whom he accompanied to the capture of Stony Point [July 16, 1779]. Afterwards he was permitted to rejoin his Regiment, with which he remained during the winter; he was afterwards attached to the guards of Generals Putnam [probably Israel Putnam], Arnold [Benedict Arnold], and Washington [George Washington], and was finally discharged on the 2nd of December 1780 at Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania by Colonel Benjamin Temple. This discharge was stolen from his house in the year 1785, while he was engaged in harvesting, & he has never been able to regain it.

The said Holtz further saith that during the time of his service (upwards of five years) he was in nineteen battles, among them that at Québec (where he was taken prisoner), at Red Bank [October 22, 1777], Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Saratoga [October 7, 1777], Stony Point, etc. etc. That he was once badly wounded – That he is now old and infirm, incapable of supporting himself by labor, and has no other adequate means of supporting either himself or his wife who is now also old and infirm. That his children have all left him, except one who is also about to leave him. That he is very poor, and really stands in need of the assistance of his Country.

He further says that he never had a pension from his Country – and would not now apply, if he was able (as till within a few years past he has been) to support himself by his labor. He

further says that he now is and for some considerable time past has been in a very bad state of health, occasioned as he verily believes from his sufferings & hardships in the service of his Country.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the seal of office of the said court to be affixed this 16th day of July 1818

S/ J. W. Brown

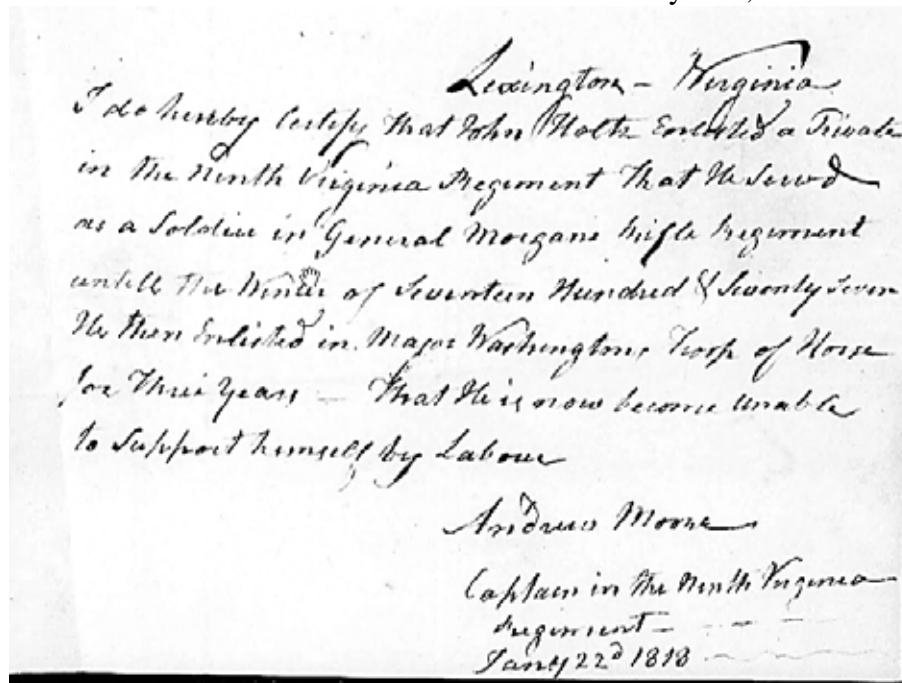
This day came Andrew Moore before me a Justice of the peace for Rockbridge County and being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith. He was appointed a Lieutenant in Captain John Hays' company of the 9th Virginia Regiment sometime in the winter of 1775. That the bearer John Holtz served as a private soldier in said Regiment. And was transferred to Morgan's Rifle Regiment in which he served to the winter of 1777. He then enlisted in the light Horse he believes in Captain Washington's Troop. Given under my hand this first day of July 1818

S/ J Alexander

Lexington – Virginia

I do hereby Certify that John Holtz enlisted a Private in the 9th Virginia Regiment That he served as a Soldier in general Morgan's rifle Regiment until the Winter of 1777. He then enlisted in Major Washington's Troop of Horse for 3 years. That he is now become unable to support himself by Labor.

S/ Andrew Moore¹
Captain in the 9th Virginia Regiment
January 22nd, 1818



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 16, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [Andrew Moore VAS617](#) [Andrew Moore W1454](#)