Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Billy Holloway S38844
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State of Tennessee Blount County viz.

Be it remembered that this day came Billy Holloway a Citizen of and resident in said County who says he is, and who appears to be about sixty-four years of age, before me James Turk presiding Justice of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of said County, which court is a Court of Record and the said Billy Holloway being duly sworn deposeth and saith that early in the revolutionary war between Great Britain and the United States; on or about the 14th day of February in the year 1776, in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia he enlisted as a private Soldier in the Virginia line in Captain Flemming's [Charles Fleming's] Company of the 7th Regiment commanded by Colonel Dangerfield [William Dangerfield or Daingerfield], that he was afterwards transferred to the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Scott [Charles Scott], that he this deponent continued in the said service and on the Continental Establishment for the term of two years, more than nine months of which he was on the Continental establishment and on the 15th of February 1778 at the Valley Forge by Colonel W. Russell [William Russell] of General Muhlenberg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade, that during the said time of service he was in several Battles with the British and amongst others those of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] – that afterwards in the year 1781 being on a tour of militia duty against the enemy he lost his said Certificate of discharge and has never found it and so cannot produce it – that he this deponent does not know of any person near his residence nor even in this State who personally knew that he performed the said military services for the said period of two years. This deponent further states that he has not received on account of his services any pension from the United States nor any of them, nor does he expect or claim any for time to come, except in pursuance of the late act of Congress of March 18th, 1818 or such acts as may be passed on such subject – And further "that from his reduced Circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support."

Sworn to and subscribed this 2nd day of May in the year 1818 before me the said S/ James Turk

S/ Billy Holloway

State of Tennessee Blount County viz.

Be it remembered that this day came Joseph Holloway before me the above named James

Turk Presiding Justice etc. and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with the above named Billy Holloway being his Brother, that although he was not with the said Billy Holloway during any part of the period of service of two years which the said Billy Holloway states he served during the Revolutionary War – yet he this deponent has good reason to believe that fact to be true as he this deponent received and saw several letters from the said Billy to this deponent and their Father during that time – and that he this deponent verily believes the whole statement of the said Billy Holloway made as above to be true.

S/ Joseph Holloway

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Be it known that on this 4th day of August 1820 Personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Court [sic] and a court of record for said County, Billy Holloway aged 66 years residing in said Blount County – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows – That he the said Billy Holloway enlisted for the Term of two years in the State of Virginia on the 14th day of February 1776 in the Company of Captain Fleming in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dangerfield of the Virginia line in the Continental Establishment, and that he served in said Flemming's Company until the latter part of September 1776 – when by consent of the officers of both Companies he exchanged into Captain Scruggs' Company at York Town in Virginia, into the Regiment of Colonel Scott, then about to march to the Northward, and that he was in both the battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776 and January 2, 1777], and that at Brandywine and at German Town [sic], and several skirmishes besides, and that he continued to serve in the said Company and Regiment and the Continental Establishment until the 15th of February 1778 when he was lawfully discharged at Valley Forge Camps in Pennsylvania which discharge he afterwards lost, and that his former declaration was dated the 2nd day of May 1818, his Pension Certificate dated November 20^{th} 1818 – number 4.084 – as appears on the back of said Certificate, and that he has drawn a Pension three times – from the 2nd of May 1818 until the 4 day of March 1819 from then until the 4th day of September 1819 and from then until the 4th day of March 1820 – and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, as for land I have none, I am debtor to the Charity of a friend for a Cabin to live in, and about seven acres of land to tend gratis – My livestock is one horse supposed to be 11 or 12 years old 4'10" high, one small mare supposed to be 14 or 15 years old with a young colt both very poor -2 cows both tolerably good, but old - one heifer near 3 years old to yearling heifers and one calf which with its dame I bought last spring on the credit of my Pension which I owe for yet still \$13 and beside that I owe about \$17 on the same credit for my necessary provisions for my family, 9 hogs 6 of them 2 years old or upwards, and 3 winter or

spring pigs, 3 of the older and the third I paid for with my Pension money – poultry about 40 old and young & 10 ducks – Farming utensils, 2 plows and 2 sets of gears, one coulter 3 hoes, one mattock or ask, to grindstones one sickle, one cutting life and box & one iron wedge, also one handsaw – drawing knife, auger & chisel and a few tools for shoemaking and old bottle – tableware 2 pewter dishes, 2 do basons, one do plates & 5 spoons – one of the dishes and 7 of the plates I bought with my pension money, 5 knives and 5 forks – tin ware 2 buckets and 5 pint tins – castings 2 small pots and hooks, one oven skillet and one flat iron also one frying pan and shovel, wooden utensils, one pine chest and table 2 spinning wheels and 2 pair of cards 7 chairs one counting reel one washing tub 3 barrels one cask 2 water pails one chair and 2 slop buckets – books and Bible one hymn book and one old spelling book – Total \$126.51 and I have about \$4 due to me if I have any more real or personal estate it is insignificant or forgotten.

S/ Billy Holloway

I am by occupation a farmer and have been for 15 years or upwards in troubled with a Phthisic cough which naturally increases with my age and has so reduced my bodily strength that fourteen years last past I have done but little farming business – and in August 1817 had my right hip put out of place and that leg being shorter than the other it is difficult for me to do farming business – Nancy Holloway my wife 56 years old as healthy as common with women of her age - Christia Holloway my daughter by a former wife 32 years old, has been sickly from her infancy [indecipherable word] grown and a very small stock of sense: she could never be learned to sew, knit or weave, nor read to do any good nor even to count 100 – She can do a little at spinning cotton and some little household business with looking after, Betsey Senter daughter of my wife 22 years old healthy but has been from a child subject to an inflammatory complaint in one of her feet, which sometimes renders her useless but by applying a certain mode of treatment the humor relaxes and she can resume her business – William Senter son of my wife 20 years old, but by the contract by which he came into this family he is now his own man, he says he will stay and take in the crop, and we depend no more on him for support, William Senter grandson of my wife 11 years old, a healthy boy but is not bound to us and we know not at what time his parents may call for him. Total number six –

S/Billy Holloway

Sworn to and declared on in open Court August 4th 1820 before the Honorable Samuel Powell Judge of the said Court.

S/A. Shelton, Clerk

[Facts in file: Veteran died April 30, 1831; the name of the veteran's former wife is not stated nor is the name of his wife's former husband other than his surname "Senter."]

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

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