

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Holliday S7025

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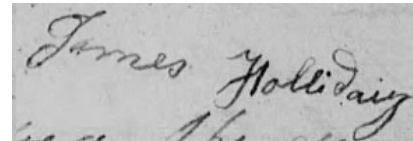
State of Virginia } Ss

County of Ohio }

On this 28th day of July 1832 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace and member of the Court of Ohio County Va James Holladay of said County aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on His oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of January 1776 with Captain Abram Smith [Abraham Smith] Cumberland County now Franklin Pa and served in the sixth Batalion commanded by Col. [William] Irvine for one year. In March following we marched to Philadelphia from thence to New York Albany Fort George [at Lake George] – crossed to Ticonderoga then down Champlain to St Johns [St-Jean, Quebec] then to Chambly Fort – to Serrelle [sic: Sorel] next where we fell in with the army from Quebec under Gen'l [William] Thompson – thence to the three Rivers [Trois-Rivieres] where we had a skirmish with the English and Gen'l Thompson Col Irvine were taken Prisoners [8 Jun 1776] – retreated back to Serrell and From there under Sulivan [Gen John Sullivan] to Isle Au Noix [sic: Ile aux Noix] Crown point [NY] where we remained as an advanced guard untill the Fleet under Arnold and Waterberry was defeated and taken [Gen. Benedict Arnold, not captured; Gen. David Waterbury, captured; naval battle off Valcour Island 11-13 Oct 1776] when in the month of October (I think) we retreated to Ticonderoga – There we remained untill February (I think) when we were marched on the in to Skeensborough [sic: Skenesborough, now Whitehall NY] 36 miles then to Fort Ann next to Fort George We had while at Mount Independence [in Vermont S of Fort Ticonderoga] volunteered to stay a short time untill Fresh Troops would arive – From Fort Georg we came to Albany and from there home when we were discharged by Captain Smith in May 1777, (perhaps it was in April) after an absence and service of fifteenth months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an anuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any state or Territory



Personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace of Ohio County and state of Virginia James Holladay who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise lenth of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below

For service as a private in Captain Abram Smith's Company from the first of January 1776 to the 15th of April 1777 – 15 months & 15 days

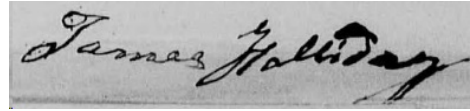
Furthermore the said James Hollady deposeth and saith that in the fall of 1777 he volunteered as a private under Captan James Maxwell of Cumberland County Pa The first night we rendevous'd I was made first Sergent of the Company. We were marched to the neighborhood of Philadelphia where we scouted about during the months of November and December when we returned hom and were discharged the first of January 1778 This service began to the best of recollection the 15th of October and continued untill the first of January following 2 months & 15 days

Making in all one year three months and fifteen days as a Privat 1 year 3 Months 15 da[ys]

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[page torn] Sergeant for which I claim a pension

And further he deposes and saith that when he made his declaration before John Brady Esquire on the 28th day of July last he was informed and believed that six months service would entitle him to a full pension which was the reason I did not mention my service as a volunteer under Captain Maxwell



Ohio County }
& State of Virginia }

Personally Came before me John Brady one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in & for said County Robert Cummins [Robert Commans, pension application S9259] who is a Reputable witness aged 79 years and after being sworn according to Law Depose and saith that he deponent was an enlisted soldier in the service of the united states in the seventh Battalion of Pennsylvania Commanded by Colonel Erwin and he was personally acquainted with James Holladay and knows him to have been an enlisted Soldier in the same batallion with this Deponent and he believes he served as it is stated in his Declaration and further this Deponent saith not Sworn to and subscribed before me January 2^d 1833



[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated hundreds of pension applicants in present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

James Holliday: Served 1 yr 3 mo. & 15 days.

I the undersigned James Holliday in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War give the following narrative of my services as a soldier in the war of the Revo and statement of my age &c to Wit.

I was eighty one years old the 3rd May last and a native of Ireland. Came to the United States in 1773. Settled in Cumberland County Pa. lived there during the war of the Revolution. I settled in this county 31 y's. ago.

before the american Independence was declared, I think in January 1776 I enlisted in Cumberland county Pa. for one year If not sooner discharged. I received bounty of some small matter perhaps about \$6. our company Rendezvoused at Shippenstown [now Shippensburg], my officers were Abraham Smith Captain, John Alexander first Lt. Andrew Irvine 2^d Lt. [blank] Montgomery Ensign & John Hamilton Sergeant – the company ninety odd in number marched from Shippenstown to Carlisle [sic: Carlisle] – there drew our regimentals [uniform] and arms. we also joined at that place Capt. Samuel Adams company of Regulars. the two companies marched to Philadelphia by way of Lancaster and from Philadelphia across the “Jerseys” to New York and thence to Albany. at Albany we were attached to Col. William Irwins Batallion. Heatley [Thomas Hartley?] was Lt. Colonel – we remained at albany about ten days, when the Batallion marched to the lake at Fort George – Crossed the lake to Ticonderoga. took the boats two miles by land. put them on lake Champlain at Fort Ticonderoga – crossed lake Champlain to St. Johns marched down to Chambelee thence to Surrell or Surile Fort – at that place we met General Thompson and his command on their retreat from Quebeck. Gen'l. Thompson was at Quebeck with Genl. Montgomery. “the latter was killed at Quebeck” [Richard Montgomery, 31 Dec 1775] – at Albany we joined Genl. Sullivans command and marched under him as before stated to Surrell Fort – on meeting General Thompson retreating as before stated Gen'l. Sullivan order Gen'l Thompson & Col Erwin with a portion of the army down the St Lawrence to the three rivers, with instructions to attack the british army at that place. the plan was, to attack the british at night, but owing to some unforeseen event we did not

reach the British encampment until after daylight. this proved an unfortunate adventure. Gen'l. Thompson & Col Irwin with the large part of the army were taken Prisoners. my Battallion under Lt Col Heatly made safe its retreat to General Sullivans Station. this was on the 11th June 1776. General Sullivan retreated to crown point by the way of St. Johns. My Batallion under Heatly remained at Crown Point until some time in October Gen'l. Sullivan with the remainder of his command went to Ticonderoga – whilst we were at crown point an engagement took place in sight [sic: see endnote] between the British & american vessels. it resulted in the capture of all of the american vessels but one. in this engagement Genl. Waterbury & Genl Arnold (afterwards Traitor Arnold) were taken prisoners – after the Battle last mentioned we retreated from crown Point to Ticonderoga and joined Genl Gates or Yaetes [Horatio Gates]. when my term of enlistment expired the lakes were frozen over, and the roads were in a horrible condition – so much so that it would have been unsafe to travel. I remained in Service in consequence thereof for fifteen months and yet my enlistment was for twelve months only.

In the fall of the year 1777 I joined Capt James Maxfields Company of volunteers on the lancaster road fourteen miles west of Philadelphia, went with him to the Gulf Mills [sic: Gulph Mills] and remained in service at that place for two months. Genl. Porter Commanded at the Gulf Mills. I did not receive a written discharge for either tour of duty. Robert Cummings & my self were in service together in the first mentioned tour. his affidavit is with my declaration. My Declaration was made before a Magistrate in the county. I could at that time have gone to Wheeling the County Seat – but with much difficulty. Doct. McKeehan wrote my Declaration & charged me one fourth of the first draw. – the statement here given is in substance the same I made to Doct McKeehan except the two months in the Militia service. I said nothing to him on that subject. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name

July 3, 1835

James Holliday

Witness/ Jos. Woddle

A Copy

W. G. Singleton/ July 6, 1835

NOTE: The site of the Battle of Valcour Island cannot be seen from Crown Point 40 mi to the south.