

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Yancy Holeman S8719

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State of North Carolina County of Rockingham: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term 1852

On this 23rd day of February 1852 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County now sitting, Yancy Holeman, a resident of the said County and State, aged about ninety-two years, but of perfectly sound mind, 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 on the 7th of June 1832 or any other act to which his claim for a pension may be applicable; That he entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution with Great Britain and, to the best of his memory, did serve as follows, viz.: That he was born in the County of Amelia, State of Virginia in the month of March in the year 1760, and when a call was made for militia from that County, that he was while a resident of said County State of Virginia and at the age twenty years drafted in the company of Captain ___ Haskin [probably Captain Creed Haskins] in the 48th Regiment of the Virginia Militia commanded by Colonel (or General) Muhlenbury [Peter Muhlenberg] for the term of six months, on or about the first day of October in the year 1780 – that he performed several marches throughout the State of Virginia during said term of service, the particulars of which he cannot now remember on account of old age and consequent loss of memory; – that he continued as a private in said company & Regiment & engaged in active service until the 5th day of April in the year 1781 on or about which day he was honorably discharged from said Company and Regiment at Smithfield in the State aforesaid by reason of the expiration of the term for which he was drafted and that said discharge, which was signed by General Muhlenberg, was lost in the burning of his own house in the year 1830 – that immediately after the passage of the law of 7th of June 1832, he was preparing to apply for its benefits, but having lost his discharge and not being enabled to find out any of his contemporaries and comrades at such a remote period, he did despair of proving his service as above stated; – but that being so fortunate as to hear of one of his old Comrades in said Company viz. Matthew Seay¹ of Henry County, State of Virginia, who he has recently understood, is now living, and is a Revolutionary pensioner for services performed in the same Company, and who has recently proffered to make an affidavit of his (the affiant's) services, he (the affiant) does now apply for the benefit of the same law of Congress – that having heard of one other soldier of the same company "Thomas Neal"² who lived and died some years since in the County of Halifax, State of Virginia, and the two soldiers aforesaid being

¹ [Matthew Seay S7477](#)

² [Thomas Neal W5407](#)

all that he has been enabled to find out since the passage of said law, he does now affirm that the affidavit of the foregoing Matthew Seay is the only contemporary evidence which, at this late period, he is able to obtain, the aforesaid Thomas Neal having died before he could obtain his evidence = He further declares that after his discharge from the foregoing term of service, he went to the Cumberland County, State of Virginia, and was there substituted on the 5th day of June in the year 1781 as a private for "Forrest Farmer" who was drafted as a private in the company commanded by Captain Richard Allen in the Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Colonel Henry Skipwith for the term of five months which militia were called out by Governor or General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] to oppose the invasion of Lord Cornwallis who was then marching from North Carolina – that he marched towards Petersburg in said State and was stationed in the said town and its vicinity for several months – that on the 4th of July 1781 he was engaged in the battle of "Green Spring" [Green Springs, July 6, 1781] with a detachment of the British Army, and was wounded, at said battle, in the abdomen, and that after a term of four months service in the said Company, he was discharged therefrom at or near Petersburg on or about the 5th day of October in the year 1781, & that his discharge from said company has been long since lost or mislaid – that he resided in Cumberland County until the year 1810 – then in Tennessee until the year 1815 – and has been living in the aforesaid County of Rockingham ever since that year – that he has no other or documentary proof of his service and that he relinquishes every other claim to a pension, and that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State whatever, and has never before applied for pension for the reason that he could not until now hear of a contemporary, and had heard that substitutes were not entitled &c.

S/ Yancy Holeman, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. B. Carter, Chairman

[Charles Roper gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Affidavit of Matthew Seay a Revolutionary Soldier & pensioner taken to accompany the application of Yancy Holeman of Rockingham County North Carolina for pension: Viz.:

This affiant states that his own bodily infirmity will not prevent him to go to Court in order to make this affidavit in favor of an old brother soldier, but, that with great effort, he does now come before the nearest magistrate in order to do so – That he is the identical Matthew Seay who was placed on the Pension Roll of the Virginia Agency in the year 1833 for services in the Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War, and that he well remembers the services of Yancy Holeman in the same Company with himself – that, in the month of October in the year 1780 he (the affiant) having been transferred or drafted from the company of Captain John Crawley in the 48th Regiment of Virginia Militia to the company of Captain __ Haskin did there find the said Yancy Holeman as a private of said Company and had been serving some few days therein when he (the affiant) was transferred to said company – that said Holeman had been drafted in said Company about the first of October in the year aforesaid in the County of Amelia, State aforesaid, and served in said Company during the whole time the affiant was in said Company excepting the few days that he was discharged before the affiant was – but that the service of said Holeman was at least six months, to the best of his recollection, in said Company – that for the particulars of the service of said Company and its marches &c (and in which said Holeman & the affiant were engaged) he (the Affiant) would refer to his own declaration for pension in the year 1833, made when the memory of him (the affiant) was not impaired by old age & – that he (the Affiant) frequently heard from said Holeman subsequently to the Revolution while he was

resident in the County of Cumberland, State aforesaid, and did hear that, many years since, he had emigrated to the State of Tennessee since which time he did not hear from him again until some two months since, and that he was residing in the County of Rockingham in North Carolina – and that he had supposed the said Yancy Holeman to have been dead a great many years since from not hearing from him for so many years: – He further declares that he has always heard & verily believes that said Holeman did afterwards performed another tour of service and that he was wounded in the abdomen in a Battle with the British somewhere near Petersburg, but as to the particulars of said service and battle the affiant saith nothing more than that he has heard them from the mouth of said Holeman & others, and has frequently seen the mark of the wound on his abdomen while he was a resident of Cumberland County aforesaid = He further declares that he believes himself and the said Holeman to be the only surviving members of the said Company of Virginia Militia and that he verily believes said Holeman to be at least ninety-two years of age, and about the same age as himself the affiant – that said Holeman was a most excellent soldier and was never punished for any Offense while they served together – and he further declares that in making this his solemn affirmation of what he remembers concerning the services of said Holeman, he is disinterested.

S/ Matthew Seay, X his mark

[Attested March 6, 1852 in Pittsylvania County Virginia. The justice of the peace who attested the affidavit refers to the affiant as a resident of Henry County Virginia and a credible witness.]

[Note: it appears that the veteran was granted a pension of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831.]