

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Henry Hollingsworth S8729

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State of North Carolina, Sampson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Made Term 1833

On this the 21st day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices now holding the Court aforesaid viz. Jesse Oates, Whitney Royal, and William J. Stevens Esquires Henry Hollingsworth Senior a resident of Sampson County in the State of North Carolina aged 75 years the 18th of August 1832 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st In a company of Duplin militia under Captain William Dickson, Lieutenant Thomas Hooks, he forgets his other company officers, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan, Thomas Bludworth Major, William Hooks adjutant at first and afterwards __ Outlaw, in the fall of 1775 and served three months as a private; that when he entered this service he resided in Duplin County (now Sampson) N. C.; that he was a volunteer; that the battle at Moore's Creek bridge occurred during this tour; that he was not in it, but arrived there in the a few hours after it was over; that he rendezvoused at Duplin old Court House, and marched to Cross Creek, now Fayetteville N. C.; thence down on the other side of Cape Fear, in the first place, to Rockfish bridge where he halted about a fortnight, making entrenchments and raising breastworks, preparing for defense against the Tories, who, it was believed were aiming for Wilmington, and were expected to cross at Rockfish bridge; thence to Elizabeth Town, Bladen County; thence to Dollison's ferry on the Cape Fear below its confluence with Black River, where he crossed over and marched up to Moore's Creek; thence he came home and in a few days after, the company met at Duplin old Court House & received their discharges; that there were some troops at Rockfish Bridge said to be continentals, under the command of General Moore, that the regular officers he knew were General Moore, Joseph Rhodes, Daniel Williams, Robert Raiford and Curtis Ivey; that he received a discharge at the end of these three months, but has lost or destroyed it, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

2ndly In a company of militia cavalry under the command of Captain David Dodd, Robert Wilkins Lieutenant, his other company officers he forgets, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Moore, Michael Bell adjutant, he forgets the name of his Major, he thinks in the summer of 1777 in an expedition against the Tories and served three months; that he was a volunteer; that he was in no

battle, but the Tories fired at his company on two occasions in the night time; that the company rendezvoused at Duplin old Court House; that his marches were confined to Duplin County; that his company killed seven Tories on one occasion in this tour; that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whom he can prove this tour of service.

3rdly As a volunteer light horseman under Colonel William Dickson, Major Nathan King, Elias Faison Captain, John Fort Lieutenant, Simon McLendon Ensign, he forgets his other officers; that Elias Faison died during this tour, and John Fort took the place of Captain, he thinks in the summer of 1778 and served three months as a private; that he was in no battle; that he rendezvoused at Duplin old Court House and marched to Cross Creek, thence he was detached in a guard of 12 men to guard Cole's bridge on Drowning Creek in Robeson County; that said guard were to guard said bridge 15 days and then be relieved, but the relief guard not arriving at the time, his guard company stayed two days over their time and then returned to Cross Creek, from thence back to Duplin County where or within which his marches were confined the balance of this tour except one little excursion he made into Onslow County N. C.; that he would has no documentary evidence now and knows of no person by whom he can prove this tour of service.

4thly In an expedition against Tories under Colonel James Kenan, Major Lewis Moore, Captain David Dodd, Lieutenant John Winings, Stephen Slocumb Ensign, he forgets his other officers; that he entered this service and May 1779 and left in August 1779, served three months, lacking five days as a private; that he was a volunteer, that he was in no battle; that his wife being in a state of pregnancy while he was in this tour he hired a substitute who served for him five days; that his marches were confined to Duplin County in quest of Tories on Coharie and various other parts; that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service, but that his brother Zebedee Hollingsworth¹ served with him in this tour, who is very deaf and almost entirely lost his memory.

5thly In a company of militia cavalry under Colonel James Kenan, Charles Ward Captain, his other officers he forgets in August 1781 and served three months, two months under Col. Kenan as his discharge hereto appended will show, and one month as a body guard of General Lillington; that at the expiration of the two months he served under Col. Kenan he sent his horse home; that he was a volunteer; that he was in no battle, but there was a skirmish with the enemy on the opposite side of the River from where he was stationed viz at the Big Bridge across the North East [River] about 10 miles above Wilmington; that he rendezvoused at Duplin old Court House, and marched to a place called "Moorefield's" thence to the Big Bridge, where he continued till he was put to serve as General Lillington's life guard; that he has a discharge given him by Col. Kenan to show the services of two months under him, but has no documentary evidence to prove the months service as a bodyguard of General Lillington and knows of no person by whom he can prove it.

6thly In a company of militia cavalry under Captain James Thomson,² David Slocumb Lieutenant in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan in the summer of the year 1782 and served five months against the Tories, to prevent them from doing mischief and committing depredations upon the inhabitants; that he was a volunteer; that he was in no battle; that his marches were altogether in Duplin County that he has no documentary evidence and thinks he can prove this service by Captain James Thompson & that he was a private soldier.

7thly Besides the services above stated he served 15 days as a volunteer light horseman in an expedition against the Tories under Captain Asa Pikkin [sic, Asher Pipkin?] in the Spring of 1782, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

Answers of Henry Hollingsworth the aforesaid out and got to the questions prescribed by the War Department propounded by the Court aforesaid

1 [Zebedee \(Zebulon\) Hollingsworth W5301](#)

2 [James Thomson S7718](#)

To the 1st I was born in Duplin County, N. C., the 18th of August 1757

To the 2nd I have a record of my age at home in a Bible.

To the 3rd I was living in Duplin (now Sampson) County N. C. when I first entered the service and have ever since lived and now live there.

To the 4th I was always a volunteer.

To the 5th The regular officers who were with the troops where I served that I recollect were General Lee, Colonel Malmedy, Daniel Williams and Captain Hawkins. I recollect a Regiment at Rockfish in Cumberland County N. C. said to be a Continental Regiment, commanded by General Moore, and one month at Cross Creek commanded by General Lee. The militia regiments I remember were Colonel Kenan's, Colonel Blutworth's, Colonel Moore's & Colonel Caswell's. The general circumstances of my services are stated above

To the 6th I refer to my declaration for an answer to this question.

To the 7th Edward C. Gavin, Joseph Carrell, Thomas J. Faison, William Kirby, William Faison, John Chestnutt, Thomas Katie Morisey, Curtis Thomson, James Faison & a great many others I could name.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Henry Hollingsworth, X his mark

[Edward C. Gavin and Joseph Carrell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

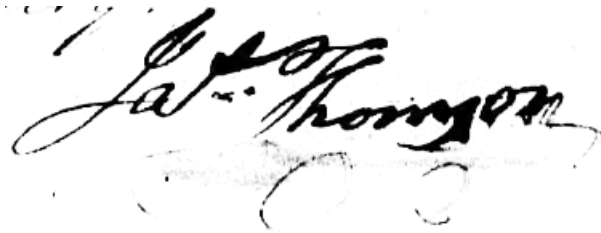
State of North Carolina, Sampson County

On this the 25th day of May A.D. 1833 before me James Faison an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared James Thomson, to me well known and entitled to full faith and credit, a resident of said County of Sampson in the State of North Carolina, aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he knew Henry Hollingsworth Sr the above named applicant before and during the revolutionary war; that said applicant served under this deponent who was Captain five months as a private in a company of volunteer light horsemen in an expedition against the Tories in the year 1782, that they were in no battle, & that their marches were principally confined to Duplin County.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the Justice of the Peace aforesaid the day & year above written.

S/ Jas. Thomson

S/ Jas. Faison, JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jas. Thomson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of North Carolina, Sampson County

On this the 1st day of January 1834 before the Undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Henry Hollingsworth Senior a resident of said State & County, aged 77 years last August an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress of June 7th, 1832 to explain the nature and manner of his service set forth in his declaration hitherto sent on to Washington City DC and being duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say, that he was subject to military duty and was enrolled on the militia at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and was ordered out from time to time by Colonel James Kenan the Acting Colonel of Duplin County, N. C., the Commander of the militia of said County at that time or rather at the commencement of the War and before its termination was promoted to the Grade of General, still having authority over the militia of said County that when

ordered out he was required he there to volunteer or stand a draft and always preferred to enter as a volunteer, and – that his several tours as specified in his declaration above alluded to were continued until their determination or till the time for which he engaged was expired, except on two occasions, viz. 1st He was furloughed five days while he was in service under Colonel James Kenan at the Big Bridge in New Hanover County and returned at the end of his furlough, and 2^{ndly} while he was in service in a company of cavalry under Captain David Dodd, his wife being expected to be confined, he hired a substitute and was absent from his company eight days – in the time a battle occurred at Baldwin's in Bladen County against Major Craige [sic, Craig] and a detachment of the enemy. He actually served three months continually at a time, but never five months in one tour served two tours under Captain James Thomson both amounting to five months. In all his service, he was in a regularly embodied corps called into service by the constituted authorities over the militia, and served against the enemy both Tories and British. His first tour was to prevent the Tories from joining the enemy in shipping below Wilmington – and after the battle at Moore's Creek Bridge, marched to Wilmington to defend that place. He acted against the British at the Big Bridge.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Hollingsworth, X his mark

S/ Jas. Carrell, JP

[facts in file: veteran died November 16, 1840.

Bible record of births of his children [wife not named in the file]

Fanny born July 1, 1778

Zebulon born June 29, 1781

Nancy born [record torn]

Lynnard born July 28, 1783

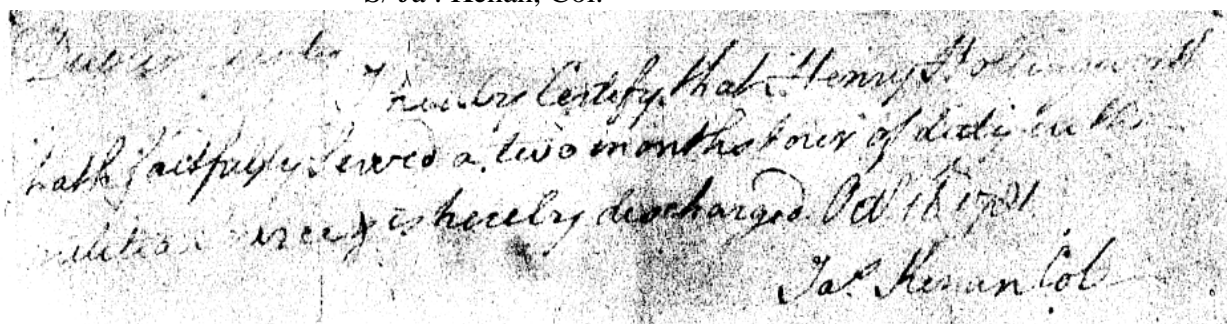
Elizabeth born June 5, 1785

Henry born May 1, 1793]

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I hereby Certify that Henry Hollingsworth hath faithfully Served a two months tour of duty in the militia Service & is hereby discharged. Oct. 18, 1781

S/ Ja^s. Kenan, Col.”



I hereby Certify that Henry Hollingsworth hath faithfully served a two months tour of duty in the militia service & is hereby discharged. Oct 18 1781
Jas. Kenan Col.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$79.58 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 20 months and 15 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]