Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Valentine Holyfield W19822 Susannah fn73NC Transcribed by Will Graves 5/16/11

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[fn p. 3]

State of North Carolina Surry County: On this 6th day of May 1841 personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Susanna Holyfield a resident of the said County, aged about eighty-five, who after being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836 and the Act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd 1837 and the amendments thereto: That she was married to Volentine Holyfield [so spelled throughout the application], and that he served several tours of duty in the revolutionary war one tour of duty under Captain William Meredith of about six months; one other under William Underwood some two or three months as well as I recollect, his service under Meredith was I think in 1780, he also was called out to guard the General Assembly while in session about as well as I recollect three months, he was frequently called out at other times during the war but when he went, under whose command and how long I am unable to say. She further declares she was married to the said Valentine Holyfield in the year 1774. That her Husband the aforesaid Valentine Holyfield died on the 8th day of March 1820 and that she has remained a widow ever since his death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further states she was married in Wake County North Carolina one hundred fifty miles from her present residence by Tignal Jones the manner of Marriage was then by Publishing and if any record was kept I know it not. Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/Wm Dobson, JP

S/ Susanna Holyfield, X her mark

North Carolina Surry County: May 6 1841 this day Susanna Holyfield appeared before me and being duly sworn according to law saith she intermarried with Valentine Holyfield in 1774 and had the following children Mary born in 1776, William in 1778, Ralph in 1780, Valentine in 1782, Daniel in 1784, Susanna in 1786, Jemima in 1788, Watson in 1791, Nelly in 1793,

Elizabeth in 1796 and John in 1798 all which are living except Mary Valentine & Daniel. Sworn & subscribed before me.

S/ Susanna Holyfield, X her mark

[fn p. 9]

Augt. The 13th 1782. The Barer Hereof Valentine Holefield Servd his Tower of Duty to the Aid of South Carolina under my Cummand [Command] and I do Certifie [Certify] that he was a good faithful Soldier and is hereby Discharg'd

The above service was done in the

year 1780

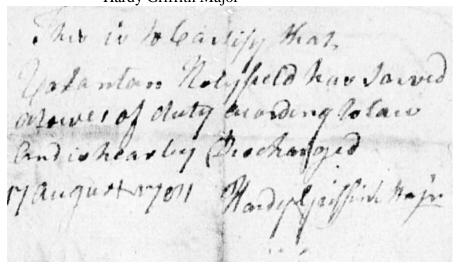
S/W Meredith, Capt. 2 Regm

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[fn p. 12] This is to Cartify that Yolantan Holyfield has Sarved a tower of duty according to law And is hearby Dishcarged 7 August 1781

Hardy Griffith Major



[fn p. 13] Salisbury Augt 22 1780 Permit Voluntine Holefield to pass to his Respective home on furlough till Called on



[fn p. F9] North Carolina Surry County September 28th 1842

This day came Elihu Ayres¹ before me an Acting Justice of the peace for this County and after being sworn according to law saith

That early in the year 1780 he became acquainted with Valentine Holyfield, and in October of the same year he was in service of his Country and on the 7th day of October he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain when he saw Valentine Holyfield in the service; and as he believes in the company commanded by Captain William Underwood. After the Battle we marched with our prisoners to Bethabra [Bethabara] a Moravian Town then in Surry County now Stokes, the next time I saw Valentine Holyfield in the service, about the 10th of March 1781 I joined General Greene's Army where I again saw Valentine Holyfield in the service & I think in Captain William Meredith's Company. I was myself frequently in service and a tour of duty at that time was for 6 months, after the war I was acquainted with Valentine as long as I lived in Surry and partly so, during his life he had a large family of sons and daughters.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/Wm J Dobson, JP

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NC Surry County: But Remembered that on this the 6 day of June A.D. 1840 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Bray who after being duly sworn according to law on his oath deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Valentine Holderfield [sic] a resident of the County aforesaid and his wife Susaner Holderfield [sic] from the first of his Remembrance and that he was at said Holderfields house some short time after he the said Holderfield returned from Gates defeat as he told him the affiant and he further states that as well as he can recollect the said Holderfield was gone as much as 3 or 4 months or more though he does not recollect the time particular he further states that he the said Holderfield and his wife had many children together

¹ Elihu Ayers R335

and was always said to be man and wife and he has no doubt but they were although he does not know the fact this affiant states that he is now about 75 or 6 years of age. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ William Bray, X his mark

[fn p. 55: In November 1752, in Surry County North Carolina, Watson Holyfield, John Holyfield, Nelly Holyfield and Jemima Holyfield gave testimony that they are the only living children of Susanna Holyfield, a pensioner of the United States; that their mother resided in Surry County North Carolina for the space of 75 years before her death which occurred on March 3, 1844.]

[facts in file: daughter Jemima married __ Kyle; Elizabeth married James Reid

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$32.56 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending March 4th, 1844 for the service of her husband as a private in the North Carolina service.]