

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sherwood Holcomb (Holcombe) W7794 Jane Holcomb f48SC

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State of Georgia Habersham County: SS

On this fifth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary Sherwood Holcombe a resident of said County and State aged seventy years 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. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 as a militia man under Captain Dennis Trammell, Henry White Major, Benjamin Roebuck Lieutenant Colonel and John Thomas Colonel under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. That he entered the service in Ninety Six District South Carolina where he at that time resided that he continued in the Army about two years and six months. Soon after he joined the Army Captain Trammell left it and went out on a scouting expedition when the command of the company was taken by John Lawson he remained under Lawson's command until the said Lawson was killed¹ by the Tories at which time Jeremiah Dickson succeeded to the command of the company. Captain Dickson quit the Army for what he does not now recollect and was succeeded in the command by Anthony Coulter until he was discharged the Captain did not give him a written discharge but returned the time of the service of his men to Charleston. He was in an engagement in a scouting party with a celebrated Tory by the name of Cunningham [William "Buddy Bill" Cunningham] the American party was commanded by Col. Hays [sic, Joseph Hayes²]. He was in a scrimmage above Ninety Six under the command of Col. Roebuck. He was several times up and down the country after the Tories in South Carolina and in one tour to the Cherokee Nation. He was born as he has been informed in the State of North Carolina in the year 1763. He has no record of his age. From South Carolina he removed to Warren County Georgia where he remained two years he then removed to Franklin County in State and then to the County of Habersham in said State where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jonathan D Chastain, CC

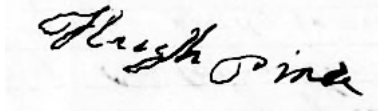
¹ Lawson was killed at Wofford's Iron Works on August 8, 1780.

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_woffords_iron_works.html

² Hayes Station. November 19, 1781. https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_hayes_station.html

S/ Sherwood Holcomb, X his mark

In open Court personally appeared Hugh Pierce³ who being duly sworn depose and saith on oath that he was acquainted with Sherwood Holcomb (the present applicant for a pension) in the Revolutionary War and that he frequently saw the said Sherwood in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War and that he knew the said Sherwood to be a true Whig and friend to his country. Sworn & subscribed in open Court this 5th November 1832.



In open Court personally appeared Benjamin O'Bannon⁴ who after being duly sworn depose and saith on oath that he was acquainted with the above named Sherwood Holcomb in the Revolutionary War and that he frequently saw the said Sherwood Holcombe in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war and that the said Sherwood served one tour of duty with this deponent under Captain Coulter under General Pickens the time he does not recollect.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 5th day of November 1832

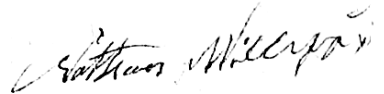
S/ Benjamin O'Bannon, X his mark

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Georgia DeKalb County: Personally came before me Awlsey Beavers one of the Justices in and for said County Nathan Williford⁵ and after being duly sworn depose and saith that he the said Williford was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War in South Carolina now Spartanburg District and he the said Williford was well acquainted with Sherwood Holcomb in the District aforesaid now a resident of Habersham and he the said Holcomb served his time as a soldier under me the said Williford the length of time nor the date not recollected. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of January 1837

S/ Awlsey Beavers, JP

S/ Nathan Williford



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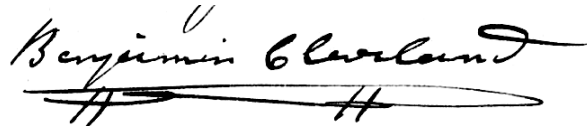
Georgia Habersham County: I Benjamin Cleveland do certify that I have been intimately acquainted with Sherwood Holcombe (formerly of South Carolina and who is at this time applying for a pension) for the last 40 years a citizen of this State and always stated to be a man who had honorably served his country in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain and from his knowledge of many transactions that he has stated to me in conversation I have no hesitation in certifying that it is my sincere belief that he did serve as a soldier several tours during the war, and I further do certify that he is [a] man of undoubted veracity and integrity and is entitled to the highest credit for any statements that he may make. Given under my hand this 26th day of February 1840 –

S/ Benjamin Cleveland

³ [Hugh Pierce S32445](#)

⁴ [Benjamin O'Bannon S31886](#)

⁵ [Nathan Williford S32066](#)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Cleveland". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a double horizontal line.

[p 40: On April 15, 1840 in Habersham County, Sherwood Holcombe signed a document agreeing to accept a pension based on service as a private for six months only and waved his right to any other pension.]

[p 13: On September 9, 1846 in Habersham County Georgia, Jane Holcomb, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1844 act stating that she is the widow of Sherwood Holcomb, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him June 6, 1782; that he died December 17, 1844; and that she remains his widow.]

[p 43: On September 8, 1847, Mary Whiten gave testimony in Habersham County Georgia that she was well acquainted with Jane Keith and Sherwood Holcombe prior to their marriage; that from old age she cannot state precisely the date of their marriage but says it occurred shortly after Tarleton's defeat [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781] him.]

[p 14: Copy of the last will and testament dated December 10, 1844, of the veteran in which he names his wife Jane; daughters, Sarah, Rebecca & Mary; sons Hampton, John, Jesse, Isaac, Anson & Alfred.]

[p 4: On April 3, 1847, in Habersham County Georgia, Sarah Holcomb gave testimony in front of Alfred Holcomb, JP, authenticating the family record showing the marriage of Sherrod Holcomb and Jane Keith.]

[p 5: Appears to be the family record referred to. The text is very compromised and difficult to discern but it appears to state the following:

Rec'd 17 August 1786, full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3550, X, per Order
S/ Wm Poole [William Poole]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Poole". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 3: Restatement of the veteran's services as set forth above except in a slightly different format.]

[p 4: Illegibly faint document which is probably the document by which the veteran requested the commissioners of the Treasury to issue his indent to William Poole. The document was signed by the veteran with his mark and attested and Spartanburg County South Carolina. The attestation appears to be dated November 24, 1785.]

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 3550 Book X]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by William Poole and John Cunningham.]

[pp 8-9: Letters from Richard W Habersham addressed to the South Carolina Comptroller General requesting information regarding the evidence of service, if any, under Colonel Roebuck by "Sherwood Holcomb" in his office. There are 2 letters, one dated in January and the other in February, both in 1840.]