

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Hollis S21827
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South Carolina, Fairfield District

Before me appeared Captain John Hollis and makes Oath about the year 1774 the deponent volunteered his services as a private soldier under Captain Samuel Boykin against the Tories between Saluda River and the Enoree [River]; that Deponent was present at the capture of Colonel Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] & others and served in this tour about one month. That the Deponent about the year eighteen hundred and seventy five [sic, 1775] enlisted as a regular soldier under Captain William Ransun Davis [William Ramson Davis] of the Hills (Santee) 3rd Regiment of Rangers under Colonel William Thompson. The Deponent served as a Sergeant in this Regiment, until he was taken prisoner at Sentillis' (or St. Illis') fort [sic, Satilla Fort or a fort on the Satilla River?] in the back part of Georgia or it may be in Florida (the deponent is not certain in which State or territory the Fort was situated). That from bad treatment received from the Enemy when a prisoner afterwards and in parole, the Deponent joined Sumter [sic, Sumter] and afterwards Colonel Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey], and continued with one or the other until the war was closed and peace made.

That the Deponent has his discharge from Colonel Thompson which he got from Colonel Thompson sometime after he was taken prisoner. That the Deponent was at the Battle at Sullivan's Island, at the taking of Orangeburg, at the taking of the Fort below Granby, at St. Illis Fort, at the taking of Carey's Fort this side the Wateree River near Camden, (then under Sumter (when Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated), at the battle of Rocky Mount, at the battle of King's Mountain and at the taking of many Tories in different skirmishes. That Deponent received a wound in the right leg from a musket ball at the Juniper. That the Deponent will he believes be eighty years of age on the third day of December next, that he has a wife about sixty five or seventy years old and four daughters and four grandchildren, three under 10 years of age, all living with Deponent. That the Deponent's other children have all left him, excepting his two youngest sons, who live with the Deponent, but work for themselves and receive the profits. That Deponent owns about one hundred fifty acres land (third quality) about one half worn out. That Deponent's circumstances are such as to render it almost impossible to support his large and helpless family in honesty. Whilst he was himself able to labor he disclaimed to ask assistance from any other source. But now that he has become old and very infirm he has ventured to approach his Country in the Character of a petitioner for a pension; which if granted will tend much to render comfortable the decline of a long life, seven years of which at least was spent in his Country's service.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 10th Nov. 1830

S/ J. Elliott, QU ExO.

S/ John Hollis

South Carolina, Fairfield District

Captain Elijah Hollis makes oath that he is a Brother of Captain John Hollis, that he is satisfied that the facts as stated in his Affidavit are correct. That said John Hollis was out with the Whigs almost the whole time of the Revolutionary, that Deponent was too young when the war commenced to take the field, that towards the end of the War the Deponent served with his said Brother under Colonel Lacey in two tours of duty. That the circumstances of the said John Hollis are such as he has stated, and the Deponent believes that if any person deserves and stands in need of a pension he does. That said John Hollis was Deponent's Captain under Colonel Lacey.

Sworn to before me Nov. 10th 1830

S/ J. Elliott, QU Ex O

S/ Elijah Hollis

William Johnston¹ makes oath that he served several tours of duty under above named John Hollis he was under Colonel Lacey and commanded the Company the deponent served in. That said John Hollis was out with the Whigs during almost the whole period of the Revolutionary War. That said Captain John Hollis is very old and infirm and has a large and helpless family to support, and is in low circumstances. That the Deponent believes he stands much in need of assistance to enable him to support himself and family

Sworn to before me November 16th, 1830
S/ J. Elliott, QU Ex O

S/ William Johnston, X his mark

[facts in file: John Hollis was born December 5, 1751 on the Potomac River in Fairfax County, Virginia

South Carolina

This is to Certify that John Hollis a Sergeant of Third Regiment of this State is Discharged from said Regiment having behaved himself honorably & faithfull in the Station and as a Brave Soldier. Given under my hand this first Day of June 1777 S/ Wm Thomson

State of South Carolina District of Fairfield

On this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Henry W. DeSaussure Chancellor of the State of South Carolina, in the Court of Equity now sitting at Fairfield Court House, Captain John Hollis, a resident of Fairfield District, in the state aforesaid aged 80 years since December 5th, 1831, 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

The deponent was born the fifth day of December in the year 1751. The Deponent's age was entered in a family Bible belonging to the Deponent's father, which Bible deponent believes was burnt when his father's house was burnt . The Schoolmaster of Deponent had transcribed deponent's age into a Bible deponent produces in Court.

The deponent was born in Virginia in Fairfax County Potomac River.

The deponent lived when first called into service on the Wateree in Fairfield District, then Craven County, has lived on the same tract of land ever since and now lives there.

1st In the first tour of duty performed, the deponent volunteered as a private soldier under Captain Samuel Boykin against the Tories between Saluda and Enoree Rivers in which expedition Colonel Fletcher [sic Fletchall] was taken prisoner, in this tour of duty deponent served about one month.

2nd That deponent afterwards and about the year 1775 enlisted as a regular soldier, under Captain William Ramson Davis of the Hills Santee third Regiment of Rangers, under Colonel William Thompson [sic, William Thomson]. The deponent joined at Camden, crossed at Nelson's ferry, thence to Williamson's branch near the Eutaw, thence to Charleston, and thence to Sullivan's Island, stayed there until after the attack on Fort Moultrie by the Sir Peter Parker. The deponent some time after the battle of Fort Moultrie volunteered by the permission and under the sanction of Colonel Thomson in an expedition to the Florida was under the command of Captain Richard Winn who was attached to Colonel Thomson's Regiment about 60 men in the expedition . Captain Winn and Company were all taken prisoners at a Fort on the St. Illia [sic, Satilla] River, by a detachment of the enemy under command of General Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost]. The deponent enlisted for 18 months in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson served out the period of his enlistment and obtained a regular discharge from Colonel Thompson, now in Deponent's possession. Deponent was a regular

¹ FPA S18062

Sergeant and served as such the whole time of his enlistment unless when acting as second Lieutenant after Captain William R. Davis ceased to act as Captain and Lieutenant Francis Boykin took command of the Company.

3rd The next service rendered by Deponent was under General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. The Deponent then had command of a Company and rendezvoused at Granby. Sumter with his men then marched to Ninety Six to join General Greene -- who had laid siege to the Fort at Ninety Six. Sumter's force went within 6 miles of Ninety Six when ordered to retreat. General Sumter then marched through Newberry, Fairfield and Chester where the troops were disbanded and returned home after a tour of five or six weeks and probably longer.

4th The next tour of duty deponent made was under Colonel Edward Lacey. The Deponent commanded a company. The Regiment marched down
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