

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Absalom Holliday VAS1572

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

Your Excellency will perceive that the Commissioner rejected this claim because the credit of the Witness, Bennett McCoy was not proven. The two affidavits on the back of the enclosed paper will, I presume, be sufficient evidence of his credibility. I suppose, too, that the evidence of one credible witness is sufficient to establish the claim since many claims have been established by one witness.

Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
James L Straughan  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1851

Westmoreland County State of Virginia Sct.

Bennett McCoy<sup>1</sup> an old revolutionary Soldier & pensioner of the United States personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that Absalom Holliday enlisted with him in the Army of the Revolution in the year of 1777 for the term of three years [word too faint to discern] and went into the Army and after [the balance of this affidavit is illegibly faint, but see below.]

S/ Bennett McCoy, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21 day of November 1833 before me

S/Benedict Walker, JP

[The report of John H Smith dated May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1834 addressed to the Governor of Virginia giving his report on this claim is also too faint to discern most of the text of the report. But see below]

Westmoreland County in the State of Virginia to wit

James English personally appeared before me Benedict Walker a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that Bennett McCoy an old Revolutionary Soldier and pensioner of the United States who appears to have made an affidavit before the aforesaid Benedict Walker on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1833 was a Respectable man

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Bennett McKey S38197](#)

and one whose oath is entitled to credit. Given under my hand this 5 day of February 1851  
S/ James English

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Westmoreland County State of Virginia & Sct.

Bennett McCoy an old Revolutionary Soldier & pensioner of the United States personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that Absalom Holliday enlisted with him in the Army of the Revolution in the spring of 1777 for the Term of three years Service and went into the Army and after about three months said Holliday was taken sick & died

S/ Bennett McCoy, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed before me this 21 day of November 1833

Before me

S/ Benedict Walker, JP

Petition for bounty land

Absalom Holliday Soldier Continental Line

There is no evidence offered in support of this claim but the testimony of one witness whose credit is not proved. That witness says that Holliday enlisted in the spring of the year 1777 for the term of three years: & after having been in service about three months, was taken sick & died.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith Commissioner &c

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1834

To his Excellency Governor Tazewell