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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Michael Holt VAS1587

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

I Jesse Nicholson¹ being duly sworn saith, that I am now seventy-four years of age, that I was a soldier of the Revolution, that I enlisted in the early part of the War under Lieutenant Binns Jones in the Virginia Continental line fifteenth Regiment commanded by Colonel David Mason, that I went on to the North and served three years and was honorably discharged and now draw a pension from the United States. That I was well acquainted with Michael Holt who entered the service as a Lieutenant in the latter part of the year 1776 and he went on to the North in '77 and was promoted to Captain. The said Captain Michael Holt served three years in the Virginia Continental line [several indecipherably faint words] at the same time and in the same fifteenth Regiment with him and I know he served the whole of 3 years in the revolutionary war. I then lived in the County of Brunswick, soon after the war I removed to the County of Norfolk in which County I have lived ever since and have for the last 30 years been the Post-Master in Portsmouth in said County

Given under my hand & seal this 24 day of October 1833

S/ Jesse Nicholson

[Attested October 24, 1833 in Norfolk County Virginia.]

Affidavit of James Casey in support of a claim set up by the heirs of Lieutenant Michael Holt for land bounty in consideration of his revolutionary services.

Filed by

Richard D Webb

Reg'd 17 August 1833

Rejected

S/ J. F. [John Floyd, Governor]

Affidavit of James Casey²

The affiant being duly sworn saith that he is now seventy-four years of age, that he was a soldier in the revolution, that he enlisted under Captain Henry Pitt in the Virginia Continental line fifteen Regiment in the early part of the war that the Regiment was commanded by Colonel David Mason; that he served three years in the fifteenth Regiment, and was honorably

¹ [Jesse Nicholson S5832](#)

² [James Casey S9158](#)

discharged, and now draws a pension from the United States of \$80 per year; that he was well acquainted with Lieutenant Michael Holt who belonged to the 15th Continental [word too faint to discern] and the said Lieutenant Michael Holt served the whole time whilst the affiant was in the 15th Regiment which was three years. The affiant now lives in the County of Isle of Wight Virginia where he lived before he went into the Army.

Given under my hand & seal this 26 day of July 1833

S/ James Casay [sic], X his Mark

[Attested July 27, 1833 in Isle of Wight County Virginia.]

[Note: What appears to be an affidavit given by Hartwell Savedge is illegibly faint as posted.]

Petition for Bounty land
Heirs of Captain Michael Holt

This officer's name does not appear on the Army Register – nor on any of the Pay rolls of the Army.

James Casey says – That Michael Holt was Lieutenant in the 15th Virginia Regiment – the same in which he (Casey) serve for three years. That the said Holt was in service during the whole of that time.

Hartwell Savage [sic] says – that he was well acquainted with Michael Holt, who went into service from the County of Surry in the Virginia Continental line, in the revolutionary war. That Holt never returned to Surry County and the witness believes died in the service. That this was the general belief in his neighborhood. Jesse Nicholson says – that he was well acquainted with Michael Holt, who entered the service as Lieutenant in 1776 and went to the North in 1777, and was promoted captain. That the said Holt served three years in the Continental line – in the 15th Regiment – during the whole of which time, the witness served with him.

The witnesses are respectable. I have nothing to add to this evidence. The death of Michael Holt in the service satisfactorily accounts for the absence of his name from the Army Register.

If the Governor should be satisfied with this evidence; they claim all to be allowed for the war.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith [Commissioner]

March 4, 1834

This and the papers herein referred to Mr. Richardson will please send to the agent Mr. John H Smith.

S/ John Floyd

[indecipherable word] for the war.

S/ J. F.