

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Holbrook R5113

Aggia

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State of Kentucky Lawrence County: SS

On this 14th day of May 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Commonwealth's justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, Agia Holbrooks a resident of Kentucky in the County of Lawrence, aged 88 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of William Halbrooks [sic] who was a private in the Army of the Revolution he entered the service in Wilkes County North Carolina, the name of the only officer she now remembers was __ Gordew [sic?] and what his rank was she does not know, he served she remembers at two tours of three months each. The time he entered the service, she cannot state. The time he served was before their marriage, She remembers of hearing him say they marched through Surrey [Surry], Roan [Rowan], Grayson [sic?] and Iredell counties in North Carolina, he was in no regular engagement, that she ever heard him speak of, though she heard him speak, [of being in] skirmishes but she cannot describe them; she has no documentary evidence of his service; she does not know how he entered the service though she has often heard him speak of volunteering – She further declares that she was married to the said William Holbrooks on the 10th day of December 1782. That her husband the aforesaid William Holbrooks died on the 9th day of March 1830. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz., at the time above stated.

S/ Aggia Halbrooks, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written, before me as above stated: and I further certify that said Applicant from bodily infirmity is unable to get to the Courthouse to attend court.

S/ J. J. Swetnam, JP [sic?]

State of Kentucky Lawrence County: Sct.

This day William Lyon¹ pay Revolutionary pensioner of the United States personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and stated on oath that he was in the Revolutionary War in the State of North Carolina, under Colonel Cleaveland [Benjamin Cleaveland]; he further states that he knew William Holbrook Deceased the husband of widow Aggia Holbrooks and was well acquainted with him the said William Deceased while in the service and he states that he knows of his serving for at least 2 tours of 3 months each in the Revolutionary war prior to the year 1782. Given under my hand this 14th day of May 1845.

S/ J. J. Swetnam, JP

[fn p. 6: On September 19, 1852 in Lawrence County Kentucky, John Holbrook Senior, 67, gave testimony that he was one of the children of William Holbrook and Aggia Holbrook his wife; that his father died in Lawrence County Kentucky March 9th, 1830 leaving his mother Aggia his widow; that she remained a widow until her death May 29, 1846; he remembers his father telling him that he had been in the service; that he served under 2 captains Captain Gordon and Captain Larkin Cleaveland; that his colonels name was Benjamin Cleaveland; he does not recall his father mentioning having been in any battles but that he was in several skirmishes with the Tories; that his father mentioned being in the service with the following fellow soldiers: John Collier, Joseph Pruitt, William Spicer and John Sparks, some of home or perhaps all of whom one now on the pension list; he remembers hearing his father say that Captain Cleaveland was shot in the knee by the Tories in ambush; he made an application on behalf of himself and the other surviving children of his mother, namely: Mary who intermarried with John Lyon, Frances who intermarried with Jesse Lyon, Sarah who intermarried with William Lyon, & William Holbrook.

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[fn p. 10: marriage bond issued in Wilkes County North Carolina to William Halebrook & John Collier December 10, 1782 to secure the marriage of William Holebrooks to Aggia Collier, both of Wilkes County.]

¹ [William Lyon S8875](#)