

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Holden R5122

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State of North Carolina County of Brunswick

On this 4th day of March A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Brunswick North Carolina now sitting James Holden a resident of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina aged seventy-three years the 9th of this month 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 under Colonel John Cains, that he does not recollect the year when he entered the service, but he thinks the war was about half over. That he was out on service under Colonel Cains at two different periods, and served under him two months and upwards. That he served under Major Samuel Leonard one month. That he also served under Colonel Jacob Leonard a short time not a month but does not claim for that service. That he was in the service at the close of the war under Colonel Cains. That he was not in any engagement, that while at Bacon's Inlet on the Coast in Brunswick County North Carolina, some of the British landed from what were then called row galleys, who fired upon the men under Colonel Cains, but immediately retreated to their boats. That he lived in Brunswick County State of North Carolina, when he entered the service; that at first he was drafted, but afterwards he went out whenever called on, as it was found necessary by the Officers in the County, when the enemy was seen off the coast, and under other circumstances. That he did not go out of the County of Brunswick. That he served in Colonel Cains Company, Major Samuel Leonard's Company and Colonel Jacob Leonard's Company as already stated. That he was not engaged in any battle. That he knew no other Officers than those already mentioned. That Mr. Charles Tharpe can testify to his service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

To the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he makes the following answers.

To the first Interrogatory he saith
I was born in Brunswick County, State of North Carolina on the 9th March A.D. 1760.

To the second Interrogatory he saith
I have no record of my age.

To the third Interrogatory he saith
I was living in Brunswick County North Carolina when called into service. I have lived in said County since the Revolutionary War & I live in said County at this time.

To the fourth interrogatory he saith
He was first drafted & afterwards served whenever called on by the Officers. That he omitted to state in the body of his declaration that he did not continue in service from the time he entered the service, until he left it; but served at different times and only 3 months in all.

To the fifth Interrogatory he saith
He knows no other officers than those already mentioned and that he cannot recollect any other particulars.

To the sixth Interrogatory he saith
He never did receive a written discharge –

To the seventh Interrogatory he saith.
I am known to William Hawkins & Benjamin Sellers in my neighborhood who will make the statement required. Ebenezer Hewitt a revolutionary soldier is also acquainted with me and can make a similar statement.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Holden, X his mark

I Charles Tharpe¹ do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with James Holden who has sworn to & subscribed the above declaration, and knew him when he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. I was with him on one occasion part of a day when he was under arms – he did not however belonged to the same company I did & I do not recollect the name of his officer. On another occasion I knew of his being on the Cape Fear River in Brunswick County, under Colonel John Cains..

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Tharpe, X his mark

[William Hawkins, a clergyman, and Ebenezer Hewitt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Although there is no such statement in the file, this application would have been rejected on the basis that the veteran failed to allege that he served the required 6 months.]

¹ Sic, [Charles Tharp \(Tharpe\) R10479](#)