

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Job Holden R5125

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State of North Carolina Brunswick County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions March Term 1836

On this 7th day of March A.D. 1836 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, Job Holden a resident in the County and State above written aged eighty-four years 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was called out into the service in Brunswick County State of North Carolina under Colonel Edward Wingate of the Militia for that County & Captain Jacob Leonard. That there then being British vessels in the Cape Fear River this declarant with other militia soldiers of the County were stationed at a place on the River called Old Brunswick to keep them from landing or coming ashore, that after remaining a while at this place they were moved about a mile up the River to an old mill – while there some men (how many he does not now recollect) came ashore from a British vessel lying in the River – that when the company to which this declarant belonged saw them land, a flag was immediately sent to know their business. That they were ordered to return to their vessel and not to land. That they immediately retreated to their vessel. That this declarant with the company was discharged – nothing further of any consequence that he can now recollect having occurred during this term of service. That after being discharged and when on his way home with some of his neighbors (how many he does not now recollect) he thinks Captain Jacob Leonard was in the company – they heard the guns firing and went to the River where they found some of the British with logs carrying them to their Boat which was up in Elizabeth River. That he and his company fired upon them – when they surrendered. That they took these men prisoners and carried them to Captain Allen and delivered them up to him, who with his company of Regulars, was stationed on the Cape Fear River near old Brunswick. This declarant thinks, it was some time in the year 1776 when he

entered the service, that he is under the impression he was in service during this term about one month. That some short time after he was again called out by Colonel Wingate in Brunswick County and stationed at a Bridge on Lockwood's Folly River that he the declarant during this term of service was Sergeant of the company to which he belonged being the Lockwood's folly Company. That after remaining encamped for some time at Lockwood's Folly Bridge that the company was marched through the Country lying between this place and Wilmington in pursuit of the Tories who were then committing depredations – that after rendering service of this sort, protecting the Whigs citizens and their property against the Tories – the company to which this declarant belonged was marched to Wilmington in New Hanover County. That there they joined General Ashe and remained in camp under him guarding the town. That he has no particular recollection of what occurred during the time he was there. The next incident which the declarant recollects during his service was a skirmish which occurred at Bacon's Inlet – where some of the enemy having committed depredations by killing cattle & other stock he was marched there under Major Samuel Leonard and finding the enemy, a skirmish ensued – the enemy retreated to their boats or small vessels and went out at the inlet. The particulars the declarant cannot recollect. That after this the declarant under Colonel Jacob Leonard marched through Brunswick County in different directions in pursuit of the Tories – up in the neighborhood of White marsh, the Brown Marsh and through Elizabeth in Bladen County. That he recollects he hired a substitute to serve for him out of the State during the war the declarant preferring to serve in the State – he recollects the name of his substitute was Richard Miller. That he resided in the County of Brunswick, State of North Carolina when he entered the service and while he did serve it was as a volunteer. That he has no documentary evidence of his service, but that Mr. Charles Tharpe¹ can testify to a part of his service. That he served until the close of the war being ready at every call and serving whenever called upon. That he is confident he was in active service during the time at least two years. That he was garrisoned at Lockwood's folly Bridge 2 months – that he was then marched to Wilmington where he remained in camp 3 months. That after the skirmish at Bacon's Inlet – he was gone two months under Colonel Wingate, marching through his own County Brunswick, up to the White Marsh the Brown Marsh and Elizabeth in Bladen County. The length of this service is above stated in those several tours he can recollect but the particular length of any other tours he cannot recollect but knows he is safe in stating his whole as being for two years but only claims for such time as is regularly made out.

To the Interrogatories required to be propounded he makes the following replies.

To the first Interrogatory he saith –

I was born in someone of the northern states – which I do not know – I was brought from the North when a child – all I recollect is I was told the place where I was born was called Cape May, I was born in the year 1752.

To the second Interrogatory he saith

I have no record of my age – it was recorded in my fathers Bible, but that was burnt up in my Brother's house.

To the third Interrogatory he saith –

I was living in the County of Brunswick State of North Carolina when called into service. I have lived in the same County & State since the Revolutionary War and still live in said County & state.

To the fourth Interrogatory he saith.

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

I was a volunteer

To the fifth Interrogatory he saith

I cannot recollect any of the Regular Officers except Captain Allen and I have gone through with all I can remember.

To the sixth Interrogatory he saith.

I never did receive a written discharge.

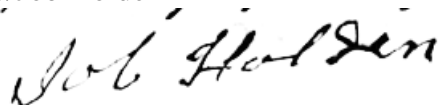
To the seventh Interrogatory he saith.

Mr. Charles Tharpe can testify as to his personal knowledge of my service. The Reverend Edward Fitzgerald and Doctor Sterling B. Everett being present can testify for me as to the other particulars.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or if any, only on that of the Agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/Job Holden



[Edward Fitzgerald, a clergyman, and Starling B. Everitt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Brunswick County

I Charles Tharpe a citizen of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina hereby certify that I was a soldier of the Revolution, – that I am well acquainted with Job Holden who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration, I knew him personally during the Revolutionary War. The first time I recollect to have seen him in service was on Cape Fear River in the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina he and I were both under Colonel Edward Wingate and Captain Jacob Leonard stationed at an old mill not far from the River – I cannot recollect particularly what occurred – my impression is we were stationed there to keep the British from getting up into the country – I think this was about the beginning of the war – Mr. Job Holden and myself both belonged to what was called the Lockwood's folly Company of militia. That I recollect being with Mr. Job Holden in Wilmington in camp. I recollect that General Ashe was there. I think we were in Wilmington three months. I recollect also being stationed at Lockwood's folly Bridge in Brunswick County under Colonel Wingate and that Mr. Job Holden was also there – how long I was there I cannot exactly recollect – I can also recollect being with Mr. Job Holden at Bacon's Inlet – I recollect one Robert Bell command gave the information that the British had landed there and were killing the cattle – The company was marched there under Samuel Leonard whether he was then a Captain or Major I do not now recollect, – I recollect their boats were called row galleys – and after some little skirmishing between them and our company they retreated to their boats and went out at the Inlet. I cannot recollect being with Mr. Holden at any other time during the war. I think I am about 90 years of age I have known Mr. Holden from the time I have mentioned and some time previously. I have known him ever since he was a boy – he is an honest man and would not state a falsehood – and I have no doubt he served as he states.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Charles Tharpe, X his mark

State of North Carolina Brunswick County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace for the County of Brunswick, State of North Carolina, Job Holden who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For one month, at first, I served as a volunteer private soldier. For twenty-three months I served as Sergeant being still a volunteer – the whole term of my service being two years; and for such service I claim a pension.

March 8, 1836

S/ Saml. Potter, JP