

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Holland R5139

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The State of Alabama

Circuit Court Sumpter [sic] County – of the Term of the Second Monday of October 1833 –

On this 14th day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Sion L. Perry Judge of the Circuit Court of the said County of Sumter now in Session John Holland at present Resident of the said County of Sumter & State aforesaid aged Sixty Seven or thereabout, and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he has heretofore to wit, on the 13th day of August 1832 and when he was a citizen of Marengo County made a declaration¹ on oath before the Honorable William J Alston Judge of the County Court of said County in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 – but the declaration thus made has been rejected by the proper Department of the general government, and since the making of which this declarant has removed from the County of Marengo to the County of Sumter aforesaid where he now resides. This declarant has heretofore stated is between Sixty Seven and Sixty Eight years of age. He enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Captain John Bowie then of Abbeville district in the State of South Carolina he served in the ___ Regiment under the following named officers. He belonged to a company commanded by Captain John Bowie of which John Howard and Thomas Prince were lieutenants and Samuel Earle Ensign. This affiant is not distinct in his recollection as to the name of the Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged but thinks it was Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] or Colonel Williams [possibly James Williams]. He was under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] – Lieutenant Prince was wounded in the service at the battle of Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779].² Ensign Earle continued in the service until the affiant left it and when this affiant last heard from him lived in Pendleton district in South Carolina – this affiant or declarant enlisted as well as he remembers in the year 1778 or thereabout, but as to the precise date he is not certain because he was very young at the time. He enlisted to serve for and during the continuance of the war and was discharged as well as he remembers in the year 1780 in Abbeville district in South Carolina. He is confident he served something upwards of two years and served in the capacity of a Drummer for the company commanded by Captain Bowie. He was so young at the

¹ The earlier application and the documents in support of it are not among the documents contained in this file.

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

time, that he was enlisted for the purpose of acting as Drummer to the company and was enlisted when he was very young as aforesaid. He lived in Abbeville district as aforesaid when he enlisted and served as before stated. He received no written discharge that he now remembers but as he was young at the time he thinks it likely his father did for him – but of this he is not certain as his father died many years ago.

This declarant knows of no person now within his reach by whom he can prove his services. He once procured the certificate of Ensign Earle of Pendleton district in South Carolina, and also the affidavit of one George Slater who served with this declarant showing the fact of his having enlisted and served as stated and caused these documents to be enclosed to the Honorable R. E. B. Baylor³ a member of Congress from the district in which he resided, and from which he has never been able since to obtain any account. Mr. Baylor stated that the documents had never reached [him]. If these two witnesses are now living they are beyond the reach of this declarant. From the effect of old age and bodily infirmity it is with extreme difficulty he can travel to the seat of justice in his County to make this declaration and he is wholly unable to travel in pursuit of witnesses even if he knew them to be now living. He has been as full and particular in the statement of his Services as his memory which is now somewhat impaired by age will enable him to be. He may have committed some mistake as to date: but he cannot be mistaken in stating the fact that when a mere boy he pledged his services to his Country as long as they were wanting and served as long as required. He knows upwards of two years in all and he is confident that his name will or ought to be found upon the rolls of the Army in the war Department. He has no additional facts to state in support of his claim to be placed upon the Pension roll but he refers to the whole Community in which he has long resided for evidence of his character for veracity and honesty. He would mention among those who would vouch for his character the names of George Rains Esquire Member of the Legislature from Marengo County, Charles D Conner, Thomas Ringgold, Allen Glover of the same County, R. E. B. Baylor formerly a member of Congress the Honorable Gabriel Moore of the Senate and Colonel James Pickens of Marengo.

Answers made by the declarant to the several interrogatories⁴ prescribed by the War

³ BAYLOR, Robert Emmett Bledsoe, (nephew of Jesse Bledsoe), a Representative from Alabama; born in Lincoln County, Ky., May 10, 1793; served in the War of 1812; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the Kentucky house of representatives in 1819, but resigned and moved to Alabama in 1820, continuing the practice of law; studied theology, was licensed to preach, and was ordained to the Baptist ministry; member of the Alabama house of representatives in 1824; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first Congress (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1831); unsuccessful candidate for election in 1830 to the Twenty-second Congress; commanded an Alabama regiment during the Creek War; moved to Texas in 1839; elected judge of the district and supreme courts of the Republic; member of the convention that framed the State constitution of Texas in 1845; district judge for twenty-five years; one of the founders of Baylor University at Independence, Tex. (now located at Waco, Tex.), and Baylor Female College at Belton, Tex.; professor of law in Baylor University; died at Gay Hill, Washington County, Tex., on January 6, 1874; interment in the Baylor University grounds; later the remains were removed to the campus of Baylor Female College at Belton, Tex. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=B000257>

⁴ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and

Department and propounded by the Court –

Answer to 1. I was born in Prince George County in Virginia but having no record of my age do not know the year. I was living in Abbeville district in South Carolina when I enlisted and since the revolutionary war removed from South Carolina to Kentucky and lived in Greene and afterwards in Caldwell County in that State and from thence removed to Marengo County in the State in 1818 where I have lived till a few weeks ago I removed to Sumter County where I now live. I was enlisted as before stated. I knew Captain John Moore, Captain Benjamin Tutt, & officers whose names I have before mentioned.

I never received a written discharge from the service that I now remember.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension [p 9—out of sequence] whatever except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

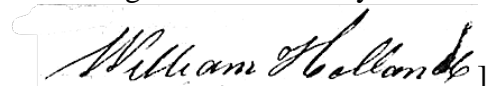
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 14th day of October 1833.

S/ John Holland, X his mark

[Eli Davis, a clergyman, and William Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On September 12, 1854, in Panola County Texas, Jane Holland, 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Holland a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum for his service in the revolution as a drummer; that she married him August 3, 1791; that he died August 2, 1842 and that she has remained his widow ever since. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died in Sumter County Alabama on August 2, 1842; he married in South Carolina to Jane [maiden name not shown]; she was deceased by 1861, exact date of her death not shown; the only child of the veteran and his wife named in the file is William Holland who was living in Panola County Texas in 1854 when his mother applied for her pension.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years of service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Holland pp9
Audited Account No. 3690

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State of So Carolina To the Treasurer of the of the state aforesaid
Ninety Six District Please to Give my indent with all the Interest due thereon for

militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Services done under Captain John Bouis [sic, John Bowie's] Independent Company in Said State
to Mr. John Nicholls and oblige Sir your & May 15, 1788

Test S/ John Ford, JP

S/ John Hollon [sic], I his mark

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 553 Book Z dated September 18, 1788 “delivered to Mr. John Holland this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE, for the Sum of Sixteen pounds eighteen Shillings & Six pence Sterling [for] Duty in Captain Bowie's ndepend^t Comp^y [Independent Company] per Accot. [Account] from the Commissioners.”]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing an endorsement by John Nicoll for interest received on the Indent for the benefit of John Holland. There are also signatures by John Holland with his mark and __ Blasingame.]