

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Holland R5141 Mary Holland MD
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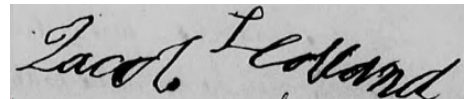
Commonwealth of Virginia: } ss.
county of Monongalia }

On this twenty third day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the County court of Monongalia, Jacob Holland, a resident of said county, aged seventy nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted for and during the dispute between Great Britain and America in the provincial troops, about the first of March 1776, at a place now called Unity in Montgomery county Maryland by Ensign Henry Gaither of Patrick Simms' company in the first Maryland regiment commanded by Colonel William Smallwood, in a month or six weeks the troops rendezvoused at Annapolis – that in the month of July 1776 the troops marched to Long Island, where he was in the battle on that Island [27 Aug 1776], that after retreating from that the troops went to head-quarters within a mile of the city of New York and from thence to Harlaem's heighths [sic: Harlem Heights] where we had another battle [16 Sep 1776] and a battle at the White-plains, in which he was engaged, from which we had to retreat across the North river, and from thence across the Deleware [sic: Delaware River], from which he was permitted to return home.

That, in May 1777 he furnished a substitute for his place in his former company, by the permission of his captain, and enlisted for three years, at Baltimore, with Captain Vachel Denton Howard, by whom he was made a corporal, in a company of Dragoons, attached to the fourth regiment of Dragoons, commanded by Col. [Stephen] Moylan – from Baltimore he marched to Philadelphia and after various marches to Brandywine, and was in the battle at that place in September 1777 [11 Sep 1777] and from thence to Germantown in which battle he was also in about the month of October 1777 [4 Oct 1777] – from thence after various skirmishes and marches we went into winter quarters at Trenton – that during the winter Capt. Howard died [15 Mar 1778] and his company was placed under the command of Capt. Nicholas Ruxter More [sic: Nicholas Ruxton Moore] – that in the spring of 1778 he marched with the troops to Brunswick after the emeny left there, and during that year, was marching from place to place, and skirmishing with the enemy, through parts of northern states New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and went into winter quarters at Lancaster Pennsylvania in the following winter – that in May 1779 he marched with his company from Lancaster, commanded by Capt. Peter Manyfold [sic: Peter Manifold] to the north and was engaged the residue of that year in guarding the coast and the inhabitants and went into winter quarters at Colchester, Connecticut – that in the month of June 1780 at Middle brooke or Bond Brooke [sic: Middlebrook or Bound Brook] in New Jersey, he was discharged by Col. Moylan, who signed his discharge – that this discharge accompanied by a power of attorney he sent to Philadelphia ten or twelve years after to procure his last years pay, which he never received, or seen his attorney in fact or discharge afterwards. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, except that he is a pensioner of the state of Maryland, under an act of the legislature of that state.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.



[Certified by Thomas P. Ray, Clerk of the County Court.]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote "Entitled" on the report.]

Jacob Holland served 3 yrs. draws \$120.

I the undersigned Jacob Holland at the requisition of the Secretary of War, give the following narrative of my age and Revolutionary services to Wit.

I was born in March 1754 – in February or March 1776 I was enlisted by Ensign Henry Gather, “my enlistment bound me to continued in service during the dispute then subsisting between the Colonies & Great Britain I enlisted in Montgomery county Maryland and in April 1776 joined the first Regt. commanded by Gen’l. Smallwood then at Anapolis where we remained until the British came to New York. (this was shortly after Harvest) My Regt. marched to New York and joined the main army at head quarters. remained there few weeks and then marched to Long Island and joined Lord Sterling [sic: William Alexander, Lord Stirling], the day after our arival a Battle was fought in which the american army was defeated. it was nearly cut to pieces. remained at Long Island several days throwing up breast works, finally however after spikeing the cannons we retreated after night over into New York. we were pursued by the british but not overtaken. we marched towards Fort Washington and on our way at Harlem Hight we were again attacked by the British, we retreated across King bridge [Kings Bridge] to [illegible] Point in the Jersies where we had a nother skermish. from the last mentioned place we marched to the white Plains at which place a nother engagement took place [Battle of White Plains NY, 28 Oct 1776] in which we were again unsuccessful. we then crossed the North River over into Jersey & retreated before the British army to Trenton. then crossed the Delaware in Pennsylvania and lay up and down the River until Christmas 1776 – recrossed the Delaware at a place called Yarleys Ferry, & marched down the River to Trenton and captured the Hessions (about nine hundred) [Battle of Trenton, 26 Dec 1776] I was not in this latter engagement. I had left the army on furlow and gone home haveing been in the service ten months – in which I was a private

at this time I was anxious to join the Cavalry and applied to General Smallwood for permission – he agreed that I might by furnishing a man in my place, I done so. and in May 1777 I enlisted under Capt V. D. Howard of Maryland of the Sixth troop for three years. I enlisted as a corporal, the first campaign was at the head of the Bay, in 1777 & 78 we wintered in Trenton. in the Spring we were scattered along the [illegible word] watching the movements of the enemy in this service we were under Capt. Moore, we remained in the vicinity all Summer, and in the winter quartered at Lancaster. – in the Spring we returned to Jersey, and in the course of the Summer, were in New York & Connecticut in the next succeed Spring my 3 yrs expired. I got a discharge – it was signed by Col Myland. I proved my services. Thos. P. Ray wrote my declaration. gave in substance the same statement now given. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. Nov. 4, 1834 Jacob Holland

A Copy. W. G Singleton/ Nov. 29, 1834

NOTE:

On 27 June 1851 Allen Holland applied for a pension. He stated that Jacob Holland died on 17 Sep 1838 while visiting a son in Harrison County VA, and that Mary Holland died on 12 April 1840, leaving the following six children: “Allen Holland (the affiant) now aged 64 years, Elizabeth Holland aged 62 years; Daniel Holland aged 57 years, William Holland 54 years; Richard Holland 52, Solomon Holland 48 years; Isaac Holland also son of said Jacob, and Mary Holland having died before his father and mother, leaving two children viz Alpheus and Eliza Holland.”

On 8 Sep 1851 Allen Holland, age 64 on the previous 14 June, stated that his parents, Jacob and Mary Holland were married about 1786 by an Episcopal minister named Reed in Montgomery County MD, and that they moved in 1790 from that county to Washington County MD, then to Berkeley County VA in 1796, and then to Monongalia County in 1801.

Allen Holland’s application failed apparently for lack of proof of the date of his parents’ marriage.