

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Holland R5144

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State of North Carolina Wake County: SS

On this the 21st day of November 1839 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wake now sitting Thomas Holland a Resident of the County of Wake & State of North Carolina aged about 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 was drafted & entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Captain Martin Lane, Colonel Wooten and Major Humphreys – that he was drafted in Raleigh and marched from thence to Hillsboro & from thence to Salisbury & Charlotte to Camden in South Carolina where he joined General Greene and then went to the Eutaw Springs where he was in the engagement where they took about one hundred and forty Hessians Prisoners and then he returned to North Carolina as a guard for the Prisoners and then went back again to South Carolina and was under a French officer in the service of the United States where after remaining a short time he again returned to North Carolina & was discharged near the Catawba [River] that he was afterwards drafted a second time and acted as guard to the General Assembly of North Carolina and afterwards was carried to Guilford on a tour against the Tories & was on that tour 15 or 20 days & then he was dismissed & ordered to Hillsboro to get his discharge which he obtained but has since lost it and he states as a reason why he did not sooner applied for a pension is that he did not know until very lately that there was any law granting him a pension for his services that he is an ignorant & unlearned man hardly ever goes to town and very few newspapers are taken in his neighborhood even now and until some friend informed him about twelve months since that he was entitled to a pension he didn't know anything about it. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State to his knowledge or belief. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Holland, X his mark

[Lewis Barker and David Holland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to Thomas Holland

Q. Where & in what year were you born

A. I am about 84 years of age & was born about the year 1755 in Wake County North Carolina –

Q. Have you any record of your age – & if so where is it –

A. I have none and don't know that there ever was any

Q. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

A. I have always lived in Wake County North Carolina where I was born & raised –

Q. How were you called into service were you drafted or did you volunteer or were you a Substitute & if a substitute for whom –

A. I was drafted both times I served a tour of duty

Q. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service –

A. Captain Martin Lane, Major John Humphreys Colonel Thomas Wooten General Green and a French officer in North Carolina whose name I don't recollect my tours of duty were in North & South Carolina as stated in my declaration –

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it –

A. I obtained a discharge at Hillsboro North Carolina which I have lost this was for my 2nd tour for my first tour I obtained a discharge from Captain Martin Lane which I have also lost.

Q. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

A. Burwell Utley, William PuPree, David Holland, Jesse Lawrence, Isaac Beckwith, Lewis Barker and Willis Regan

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 20 Nov. 1839 A.D.

S/ Thomas Holland, X his mark

[Burwell Utley and William DuPree, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Wake County: SS

On this 11th day of October 1844 personally appeared before me Drury King one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Thomas Holland and maketh the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

And after being duly sworn according to law doth declare on his oath that he is 85 years old and that he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution that he was drafted in the year 1781 for 3 months that he served the 3 months under Captain Martin Lane and was commanded by Colonel Wooton that he was marched from Wake County Court house to South Carolina and was in battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina and was after that battle marched to a place called the high hills of Santee in South Carolina where he was stationed until his time was out and he got his Discharge which has been destroyed long since not thinking that would ever be of any use and he further declares that when he returned home he entered the service again as a substitute in the place of one Carniba Stephens and a twelve months tour in the state troops of the above named State, and he further states that the said Carniba Stephens had served some three

months of his time before he said Thomas Holland took his place and he then served out the balance of the time of said Stephens, and was discharged from that tour at Hillsboro North Carolina in March or April 1782 and he further states that he has made application to the war Department through one Mr. D. W. Stone some 5 years back which was not allowed in consequence of some deficiency in proof.

Sworn and described to the day and year above written before

S/ Drewry King, JP

S/ Thomas Holland, X his mark

State of North Carolina Wake County: On this 13 day of December 1844 personally appeared before me Jeremiah Morris one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Wake Aaron Roberts<sup>1</sup> of the County and State aforesaid and first being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that he is in his 90th year of age that he was a soldier in the Revolution that he now draws a pension and he further declares that he was well acquainted with Thomas Holland who now makes application that he himself and Thomas Holland both served a three month tour together under Captain Martin Lane in the year 1781 to the best of his Recollection and after they had served out that time they returned home and said Thomas Holland entered the service again as a substitute in the place of Carniba Stevens for nine months that said Stevens was in a twelve months tour but that said Stevens had served three months before the said Holland took his place and he further declares that the reason he knows these matters is that he saw Holland at Hillsboro in the service in the place of Stevens that he has often heard both Holland and Stevens say that said Holland did serve nine months in the place of said Carniba Stevens and he further declares that he Roberts and Holland were both in the battle at Eutaw Springs while they were in the 3 months tour. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written

S/ Jeremiah Morris, JP

S/ Aaron Roberts, X his mark

[fn p. 40: On August 19, 1845 in Wake County North Carolina, Andrew Peddy,<sup>2</sup> 88, gave testimony that he saw Thomas Holland when he returned from service wearing a uniform "where a musket ball had passed through them and I further recollect that 2 of my brothers in the course of the war served with the said Thomas Holland as he often heard them say." Peddy could not give any testimony as to the length of time Holland served.



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[fn p. 37: On September 29, 1853 in Wake County North Carolina, Isham Holland, son of Thomas Holland filed a power of attorney in which he states his father died January 11 1851 in Wake County North Carolina.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Aaron Roberts S7430](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Andrew Peddy S8945](#)