

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Holliday R5147

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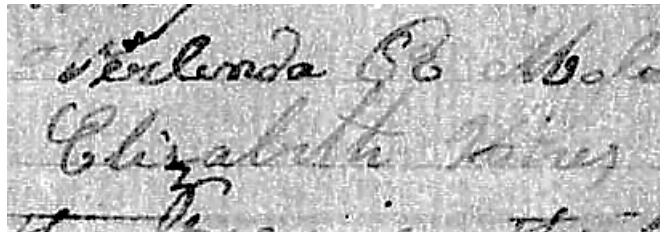
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State of Virginia County of Prince William

On this the 27th day of July in the year 1855 personally came before me S. Lynn a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Verlinda R. Molan [?] formally Verlinda R. Holliday and Elizabeth Jones wife of Thomas Jones formerly Elizabeth Holliday and after being first duly sworn according to law that they are the Children & heirs of James Holliday Deceased who was a Soldier in the Revolution War with England – and their Father died in the year 1823 in the month of March in said year and that he left no widow. They make this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of pension which may be due them by reason of services of their Father James Holliday in said War – that there is only them living children that is themselves as before stated and Euphemia Gains formally Euphama Holliday.

S/ Verlinda R. Molan[?]

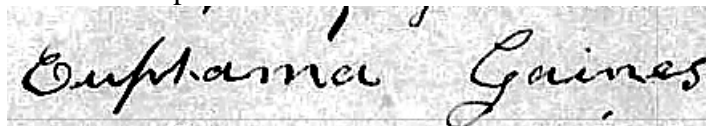
S/ Elizabeth Jones

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Verlinda R. Molan" and the bottom signature reads "Elizabeth Jones".

State of Virginia County of Fairfax: to wit

On this 30th day of July in the year 1855 personally came before me J. R. Grigsly a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, Euphemia Gaines formerly Euphama Holliday and upon oath declared that she was a daughter and one of the heirs of James Holliday deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and died in March in the year 1823 and left no widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of pension which may be due them by reason of the Services of their Father – James Holliday in said war, that there are only three living children viz. Verlinda R. Molain, and Elizabeth Jones & herself; I hereby appoint Henry W Thomas my agent and Attorney.

S/ Euphama Gaines

A photograph of a document showing a handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Euphama Gaines".

State of Virginia Prince William County to wit

Personally appeared before me L. Lynn a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Northumberland Pearson and William Jacobs who being first duly sworn the said Northumberland Pearson states as follows, I was born in Prince William County in the year 1774 and have lived in said County to this day – I knew James Holliday who lived & died in said County. I know him to be a soldier in the revolution War of 1776 – I believe he was married in said County about the year 1781 or 1782. I did not see the marriage but was at the House of the Marriage the same day that it took place – & saw all the company that had gathered on the Occasion – I understood that he was married by William Fristoe – I have never heard any person dispute his marriage to this day. I have lived within 4 miles of the said Holladay from the time of his marriage to the time of his death and was a renter of land from him the greater part of his life his wife died first and of course he left no widow – as he never married again. Given under my hand this 12th December 1855

S/ North. Pearson



the said William Jacobs states as follows I was born in the year 1770 in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia I knew James Holliday of said County and have often heard him talk of the difficulty & privation's he bore in the service of the War of 1776. I understood he enlisted in said War for the whole time of said War. I did not see him married but well remember that he was said to be married in the year 1781 or 1782 in the County of Prince William & State of Virginia he died leaving no wife but left children. I preached his funeral at his burial. I have lived near the said Holladay to the time of his death and never to this day heard his marriage doubted.

Given under my hand this 12th day of December 1855

S/ William Jacobs



Mr. H. Thomas

May 26th 1855

My Dear I take my pen in hand to write you [a] few [lines?], when you and myself were together in your office you asked me the age of my wife's father James Holliday and what time he died. My wife says it was in 1823 which I believe was about at that time as to his age I cannot say myself he has always told me [he] received the bounty and marched into regular service in the Commencement of the War in the Army he did go and that for the term of five years and that he was about 19 years of age I with safety say that his neighbors did say that Mr. James Holliday was but 19 when he went into the war my father's family [indecipherable word] by the old twenty years and as to my one [indecipherable word] I was well acquainted with him and his family the old man had no education he did not nor believe in the book. You must excuse my hand from your humble servant

S/ Wm D. Gaines

