

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hollingshead R5151 Mary fn23NC
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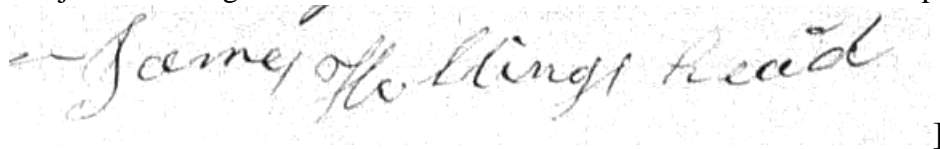
State of Iowa County of Monroe: SS

On this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord 1854 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the District court within and for said County in open court and during the sitting thereof (i.e. of said court) Mary Hollingshead a resident of Troy Township in said County aged eighty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make her said oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th A.D. 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" – that she is the widow of Thomas Hollingshead who was a private in Captain Anthony Sharp's Company in the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina Militia commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Lytle and that he served 18 months during the years 1782 in 1783 – the day and month on which he entered the service she does not know – and cannot state – nor does she know nor can she state the day and date of his discharge. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Hollingshead on the 16th day of January A.D. in the year of our Lord 1789. That her husband the aforesaid Thomas Hollingshead died on the 8th day of March 1831 – that she was [not] married to him prior to his leaving the service but that her marriage to him took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above specified. She said Declarant further says that she is now the widow of said Thomas Hollingshead and that she has never before made any application for a Pension. She further states that her said husband was a volunteer – that he resided at the time of entering said Service in the State of North Carolina in what County she declarant does not know. That she does not know whether her said husband done with his discharge though she has heard him her said husband say he obtained a discharge when he left the Army. She says that she never has seen any such discharge. She said she does not recollect of ever hearing him her said husband say whether he was in battles while in the Service. She does not know what Counties or territory he marched through while in the Service that she has heard him say that he was Stationed at James Island for three months. She states she has heard him say he passed in the South Carolina. She also says that if there is any

documentary evidence of her marriage with her said husband that she does not know of it. She says that the marriage of her and her said husband took place at the time aforesaid in the District of Lexington in the State of South Carolina near Shyies ferry¹ on Broad River. She said she did not reside in any town been married. She said declarant says she has never been married from the death of her said husband and that she is still his widow. Declarant says that she does not know any person living now who witnessed her marriage with said Thomas Hollingshead. That it has been about fifty years since she and her said husband moved away from the District of Lexington in said State of South Carolina and that she has never been back there since and does not know the name of any person by whom she can prove her said marriage.

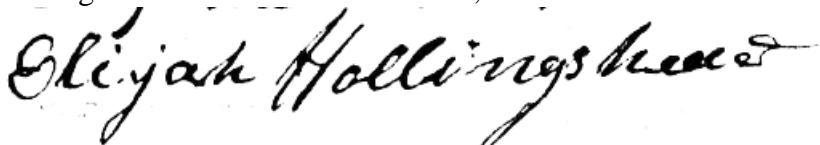
S/ Mary Hollingshead, X her Mark

[fn p. 2: On July 13, 1854 in Monroe County Iowa, James Hollingshead gave an affidavit in which he states he is the 3rd child of Thomas and Mary Hollingshead; that he was born July 26, 1793 in Lexington District South Carolina; that in about the year 1803 his father removed from Lexington District to Newberry district South Carolina and from there to Edgefield District South Carolina where his father died; that his father was a revolutionary soldier; that he heard his father and other veterans speaking of their experiences in the revolution; that his father's brother Benjamin Hollingshead was also a soldier in the revolution and drew a pension as such.



James Hollingshead]

[fn p. 9: On April 22, 1854 in Monroe County Iowa, Elijah Hollingshead, 47, gave testimony that he is the son of Mary Hollingshead; that his father's name was Thomas Hollingshead; that from his earliest recollection in the year about 1812 in Newberry district South Carolina, his father and mother lived together as man and wife and were reputed as such; that his father died March 8, 1831 in Edgefield District South Carolina; and that his mother remains a widow.



Elijah Hollingshead

[fn p. 13]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State.

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Hollenhead a private Soldier in Captain Sharp's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the __ day of __ 1782 for the term of 18 months.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of March 1854

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

¹ This MAY be a reference to Shirer's Ferry [also spelled Shiroe's, Shirar's, Shaurer's, Shearer's]
<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/shirersfy.htm>

[fn p. 15]

State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I, William J Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military Services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Thomas Hollingshead

Book No. 26 page 29 £8 specie

Vol. No. 10 entry No. 91,159 "Payments 1782 to 18 mo. soldiers" \$76.60

Roll of Captain Anthony Sharpe's Company 4th company 5th Regiment North Carolina commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Comd. Lytle for the months of March & April 1783 mustered 12th May 1783 "Thomas Hollingshead enlisted for 9 months" Since last page 3 months. Said Company seems to have been at that time in Charleston South Carolina.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of Office this 22nd day of March 1854

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr

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In explanation of the foregoing Certificate, and in answer to some inquiries from the Commissioner of Pensions I will remark that I am of opinion that there was but one Thomas Hollingshead, that the first payment of £8 specie was for a three month tour of service in the militia, the other pay but was made for Continental service, the payment covers about eleven months service, as I suppose to the time when the troops were discharged in 1783. The payment seems to have been made at Hillsboro, then the seat of Government.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

[fn p. 20: On July 17, 1854 in Monroe County Iowa, Sarah Bowers, gave an affidavit in which she states she is the daughter of Thomas and Mary Hollingshead; that she was born October 28, 1797 in Lexington District South Carolina and that she is the 5th child of her parents; that she has heard one Benjamin Hollingshead say he saw her parents married in South Carolina; that affiant has not seen Benjamin Hollingshead for the last 20 years and does not know that he is still alive; that she was acquainted with said Benjamin in Newberry District South Carolina; that she has heard her father, Benjamin Hollingshead and Matthew Alberten² state that they were messmates together in the revolutionary war. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[fn p. 23: On July 19, 1854 in Clark County Iowa, Dillany Hollingshead gave testimony that she is the wife of James Hollingshead; that she married him September 10, 1818 in Edgefield District South Carolina; that she became acquainted with Thomas and Mary Hollingshead about the year 1816 in Edgefield District South Carolina and that Thomas Hollingshead was reputed to be a soldier of the revolution.]

² This is probably a mistaken reference to [Mathew Albritton R72](#)