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Pension application of James Holmes R5170

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The State of Alabama Perry County: County Court December Term 1832

On this 7th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Dunklin Solomon Judge of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid now sitting James Holmes a resident of the County aforesaid and State of Alabama aged seventy-one years on the 8th of October last 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That on or about the 10th of March 1779 in what was then called Dobbs now Green County and State of North Carolina – I volunteered my services to the United States under at about the age of nineteen years under Captain Burrel Mooring of Wayne County & (I believe Williby Williams¹ Ensign Charles Roach Lieutenant) – Under Colonel Jonas Johnson [Jonas Johnston²] from Edgecombe County – there was also a Major Evans who continued in our Regiment but a short time – We were under General Butler [John Butler] whose given name I do not recollect – This was in the militia service for as a militia man I served all the time.

At this time the British were forted at Stono ferry called by some by other field others [sic] Stono simply in South Carolina – we were marched first from Dobbs County through Charlotte where we were stationed a few weeks – from Charlotte to Augusta crossing the Savannah [River] into Georgia at that place a distance of perhaps near four hundred miles: from Augusta we marched down the Savannah on the West side to the mouth of Brier Creek perhaps sixty miles from Augusta – this was directly after the Battle fought at Brier Creek with the British & Tories against whom we will were marched our light horse between Augusta and this Creek took prisoner a British Lieutenant by the name of Cunningham together with his small party and a supply of provisions for the British who was said to be under the command of McGirt [Daniel McGirt]. At the mouth of Brier Creek we again crossed the Savannah into South

¹ [Willoughby Williams W36](#)

² [Jonas Johnston \(Johnson\) W21470](#)

Carolina. From this place we were marched towards Stono and being camped at Bacon's bridge on Edisto or Ashley River (which, it has been so long since my memory is not distinct) our pickets were attacked by some British outriders, but the skirmish was of short duration – Here we were employed for some days in alternately retreating and pursuing the British who were seeking an advantage of us. Our forces being greatly increased we were at length marched against the British at Stono. Here in an open old field on Stono River – The militia of Virginia & North Carolina principally (in front the continentals who were held in reserve in the rear) we were marched to within a convenient distance of the Fort and fought the British for hours. According to my recollection this battle was on the last of May³ I know it was near that date & I believe in 1779. We found it impossible to carry the Fort from the strength of the works though the British force was not very great. As I entered the service for only three months I was with the other militia discharged. My Colonel Johnson died on his return home at Amy's bridge on Drowning Creek [Drowning Creek?] in North Carolina. I was taken sick at Stono and were confined at a short distance from that place till the last of June – before I could go home –

I did get a discharge from my Captain after I returned – but I can give no account of it now – I suppose lost completely.

After returning home I was often engaged as a volunteer on short tours; but my services though sometimes greatly laborious were not of obvious advantage to the United States. I have no documentary evidence of my service nor do I know any person in my recollection or the place of residence of any who can testify as to my services – there is one John Gulley I have understood lived in this State that was in the service with me but I cannot find him or get his evidence. As regular officers I remember Captain [balance of lines too faint to discern] I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State that I know of –

I refer the Department to my neighbors especially to ___
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. Holmes



[William Callaway, a clergyman, residing in Perry County Alabama and Elias Benson and David McCullough in the same County gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

³ The Battle of Stono occurred on June 20, 1779.