

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hollis S21290

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State of South Carolina Union District } to wit

On this the 10th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John J Pratt one of the Judges of the Court of Ordinary of the said State now sitting James Hollis a resident of Union District in the State aforesaid aged seventy five 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

This applicant was born according to the information derived from his parents (having no record of his age himself) on the nineteenth day of August in the year A.D. 1757 in the parish of Wanworth Surry County [sic, Wandsworth, Surrey County, England] on the River Thames about five miles above the City of London in England. He passed over to Charleston with a portion of the sixty third Regiment of the British Army & there joined the troops under the command of Lord Rawdon, marched with him to the relief of Ninety Six and was also at the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781].¹ After this he was stationed at Hadrels point [Haddrell's Point] in the harbour of Charleston where he deserted the British Army and took protection with General Marion [Francis Marion] at that time encamped at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina. From this place he proceeded to Georgetown, thence to Wilmington in North Carolina and finally to Duplin County in North Carolina where he volunteered or enlisted as a fifer in a company of North Carolina State Troops under the command of Captain Rhodes [Joseph Thomas Rhodes]. This was about eighteen months before the peace. From Duplin County in North Carolina this applicant proceed [proceeded] with Captain Rhodes' Company to Edisto in South Carolina where his Company was attached to or joined the Regiment of North Carolina Troops under the command of Colonel Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] at that time encamped on the Edisto with the main Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. He proceed [proceeded] in the same company and Regiment with General Green across Ashley River and was stationed on James Island – near Charleston, when the city was evacuated [December 1782] by the British troops. After this event the General's headquarters was removed to the City, but the troops to which this applicant was attached still remained on James Island, until sometime after the news of peace, when this applicant under the command of Captain Hall [Clement Hall, Jr.?] of North Carolina was marched back to Wilmington in North Carolina and discharged late in the fall after

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

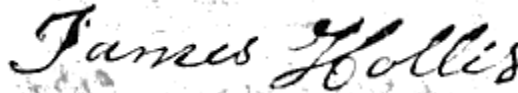
the peace. He received a written discharge signed by Colonel Litle the commander of his Regiment which considering of no value he has long since lost. He settled in Catham [sic, Chatham?] County in North Carolina where he lived for about three years after the war, when he removed to the State and District aforesaid where he has lived ever since.

This applicant has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any of his former acquaintances in the Army in this part of the country who can testify as to his services as above set forth. But he refers to the Reverend Thomas Ray and John Norman Esquire as persons to whom he has been long known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid before me
S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge [etc.]

S/ James Hollis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Hollis". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Thomas Ray, a clergyman, and John Norman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Hollis a musician in Capt. Rhodes company of the 10th Regiment enlisted __ that he was mustered in December 1782 and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 21st day of May 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a musician in the North Carolina Continental line.]