

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Timothy Holdway S2630

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State of Tennessee County of Jefferson: SS: July 1833

On this 6th day of July personally appeared before me John Hodges a Justice of the Peace of Jefferson County Timothy Holdaway [sic], a resident of the County of Jefferson and State of Tennessee aged eighty-eight 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 the Declarant, Timothy Holdway was born in Culpeper County Virginia on the 25th of December 1744. About the commencement of the Revolution, year not recollected, he removed to Wilkes County, North Carolina on the Yadkin River – where he lived that part of the next two years, in which he was not employed in the Revolutionary War – thence he moved to Watauga River where he lived that part of the two following years, in which he was not in actual Service, as a Soldier of the Revolution. Thence he moved to Bent Creek, one of the branches of the Nolachuckey [Nolichucky] River – where he now lives. This Deponent volunteered in Captain John Cleveland's Company of volunteers, what year, this deponent, from extreme old age and loss of memory, cannot recollect. The rendezvous of the Company was at Pleasant Gardens on the Catawba River. Captain J Cleveland's Company with other companies were under the command of Colonel Jack Sevier [John Sevier]; Major Morgan was the Major. We were marched over the blue Ridge and encamped the first night on the head of Swaino [Swannanoa River], kept down Swannanoa, encamped on it the next night, crossed Cany Creek on the third day on the fourth day arrived at Over Hill [Over Hill] Town on the Tennessee River. We were marched to the Cowee Towns, where we had a skirmish with the Indians. We were then divided – one company was selected to go round the mountain under Colonel Sevier. Another body of men marched over the mountain. Some of these men were killed. The main body remained at the Cowee Towns. In the skirmish, we had at the Cowee Towns before taking possession, we had one man wounded, the bullet passing through his foot. We burnt thirteen towns, and killed some Indians. We were then marched back, by the same route we came, to the

Pleasant Gardens. We were engaged two months in this expedition. The Deponent in a short time how long does not recollect, again volunteered under Captain John Cleveland and marched under him to Carter's Station where he remained three months guarding the frontiers. Carter's Station they on the Watauga River at its confluence with Doe River. At the end of three months the Indians came in to treat with the whites, and our company was marched up to the long Islands [Long Islands] of Holson [Holston] River where the Indians treated with Colonel Sevier. After the treaty this deponent together with the other man of the company returned to their homes. In a short time, this declarant and one David Hix were detailed by Colonel Roddy as Spies on the heads of Watauga and Doe rivers and along the blue Ridge. The Indians murdered one woman during our service as Spies, which continued for two months. We returned to the Settlements once a week. The Indians came in for peace again and we were relieved from my duty as Spies. The peace was but temporary – and in a short time the Declarant again volunteered under Captain Lasley Christian name not recollected and was marched to Wear's Station on Pigeon River, where he remained for three months. At the expiration of this time, the Declarant returned home, and in a short time again marched under Major Morgan, with 20 men, against the Tories of the Moravian town on the Yadkin River we marched for two days and nights, disperse the Tories and returned home. We were then ordered to march to the Shallow Ford – whence we marched up the Yadkin in pursuit of Tories, found none in arms or embodied. We were three weeks absent on this Expedition. The second expedition under Captain John Cleveland did not take place immediately after the first one under that Officer, But it followed the expedition last mentioned. The order of time in which the Declarant's Towers [Tours] were performed escaped him on his examination by his attorney and thus this mistake has arisen. After the second expedition under Captain Cleveland, the Declarant volunteered in a company of 50 men under Major Walton and was marched against the Cowee Towns, burnt three towns and returned in one month. This was the last service in which his Declarant was engaged. These Services were performed during a period of four years. The precise time of the commencement of his services the Declarant does not know, but believes it was in the year 1778 that he first volunteered under Captain John Cleveland – and that during the four years following – he served as above set forth five months under Captain John Cleveland, two months as a Spy, three months in guarding Wear's Station on Pigeon, three weeks against the Tories under Major Morgan and one month against the Indians under Major Walton. In his first expedition, Colonel Jack Sevier and Major Walton were the Superior Officers. In the latter services there were no higher Officers than those named. The subaltern Officers' names have faded from the memory of the Declarant. The declarant's extreme old age and great loss of memory have rendered him unable to detail more particularly his service that is set forth in the foregoing declaration. This Declarant has no documentary evidence in regard to his Service, nor does he know of any person from whom he could procure the testimony as to his Service. The Declarant, Timothy Holdway, 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. He was engaged in some small and short Services, the particulars of which he cannot recollect – but he declares that he performed the services above set forth, making in all eleven months and three weeks of Service, as a private volunteer Soldier in the Revolutionary War. This Declarant never received any written discharge from his captains or other commanders. He was discharged verbally – or if he did received any written discharges, he has forgotten it. He never received any compensation for his Services, except thirty pounds in North Carolina Currency.

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Culpeper County Virginia on the 25th of December 1744.

Question 2. Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age in my Bible.

Question 3. Where were you living, when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into Service, I was living in Wilkes County North Carolina on the Yadkin River. Since the Revolutionary War, I have lived on Bent Creek, Jefferson County Tennessee, where I now live.

Question 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Answer. I was a volunteer in every service in which I was engaged.

Question 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. There were no Regular Officers with the troops where I served. The general circumstances of my service are detailed in my declaration.

Question 6. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your Services, as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I was one of the first settlers of Jefferson County being one of 4 men and came to the head of the Creek on which I lived about 50 years ago. We made a crop – built a Fort – and were the first settlers of the County. I have no doubt that any of my neighbors would be ready and willing to testify in favor of my character and a man and services as a Soldier of the Revolution – I would refer to the Reverend Andrew Coffman, Jr Captain John Riddle and Mr. John Shipley who can be examined touching my character for veracity and their belief of my services in the Revolution.

Question 7. Did you ever receive a discharge and if so, what has become of it.

Answer. I do not believe that I ever received any written discharge.

Witnesses:

S/ Timothy Holdway, X his mark

S/ John Riddle

Sworn and subscribed to this 6th of July 1833 before

S/ John Shipley

S/ John Hodges, JP

[Andrew Coffman, Jr, John Riddle and John Shipley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and 21 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]