

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jordan Holcomb (Holcombe) S31731

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State of South Carolina, Greenville District }

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of all Lord 1836, personally appeared in open Court before John Watson Esquire, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Greenville District now sitting Jordan Holcombe a resident of Anderson District, State of South Carolina, aged Seventy four 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in Bute County North Carolina in the year of our Lord 1762 on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November. He moved with his father into Spartanburg District South Carolina when he was about 14 years old, where he resided when he first entered the Service of the United States.

He first entered the service of his Country on the eighth of October in the year of our Lord 1780 under the command of Captain John Lawson & served until the death of Captain Lawson<sup>1</sup> on the first of April 1781. He was employed in the protection & defense of the Country & its inhabitants against the depredations of the Tories. During this tour he was not in any regular Battle or engagement, but was employed in scouring the Country & chasing the Tories. He served this tour six months as a private in the militia as above stated.

After the death of Captain John Lawson who was killed by the Tories, this deponent entered the company of Captain Jeremiah Dixon [Jeremiah Dickson] in the Regiment of Col. Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck] & under Major Henry White. He entered the above named Company in the first of April as a volunteer & continued in said Company until the last of July 1781. In this tour he was engaged in an expedition under the above named officers against a Fort called "Mud Lick" [Mudlick Creek]<sup>2</sup> which was occupied by the Tories. Thence the Company & detachment to which this deponent belonged joined General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] & marched against "Ninety Six"-- that an express came for Pickens to proceed to Augusta which he did. The troops under Colonel Roebuck returned to Spartanburg District for the defense of that part of the Country. In this tour he served four months as a private in the militia of South Carolina as above stated.

He then volunteered in a company of Rangers under the command of Captain Culverson [sic, Josiah or Samuel Culbertson] for the protection of the frontiers of the upper part of South Carolina. He entered this company the last of July or the first of August in the year 1781 and

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<sup>1</sup> John Lawson was killed at the engagement at Wofford's Iron Works on Aug. 8, 1780.

[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_woffords\\_iron\\_works.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_woffords_iron_works.html)

<sup>2</sup> March 2, 1781. [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_mudlick\\_creek.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mudlick_creek.html)

continued in it until the latter part of October or the first of November following. In this tour he served three months as a private.

In all this deponent served three tours & 13 months as a private in the militia & on horse back, or as a horseman & for such services he claims a pension.

He was not in a general engagement or battle of consequence. He is not acquainted with any of the Continental Regiments or Regular Officers. He has no documentary evidence of his services except a certificate from the Comptroller General Office of the State which is herewith sent to the Pension Office. This certificate from the Comptroller General does not include the last tour of duty. It is correct as to the other two for 10 months. The last tour being served under different officers is the reason of its not being certified to the State with the other tours. He knows of no one whose testimony he can procure as to his services.

In reply to the questions<sup>3</sup> propounded by the War Department he answers:

1<sup>st</sup>: That he was born in Bute County State of North Carolina in the year 1762 November 19<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>: He has no record of his age at present except the piece of paper drawn from the Family Bible. 3<sup>rd</sup>: he was living in Spartanburg District South Carolina when he was called into service and he has been living in Spartanburg, Greenville & Anderson districts South Carolina ever since the Revolutionary War. 4<sup>th</sup>: He was called into the service by volunteering which he did three times & served as a horseman. 5<sup>th</sup>: He has already said that he did not serve with the regular army & does not know any of its officers or Regiments. 6<sup>th</sup>: He never received a written discharge. 7<sup>th</sup>: He is known in his present neighborhood to Col. B. Dunham, Reverend James Dauthit [?] and others who will testify as to his character for veracity & their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He applies in Greenville district for his pension instead of Anderson because it is much nearer & more convenient for him. He 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno Watson, J.G. D & J Q. Ex. off.

S/ Jordan Holcomb, J his mark

[James Dauthit, a clergyman, and B. Dunham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 3: On August 24, 1842 in Hall County Georgia, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Georgia agency stating as his reason the following: His son with whom he formerly resided having died he removed to Georgia where he has a daughter living with whom he wishes to spend the balance of his life." This application was supported by the affidavit of Minor W Brown.]

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<sup>3</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

[p 16: List of indents made payable to Jordan Holcomb for militia service.]

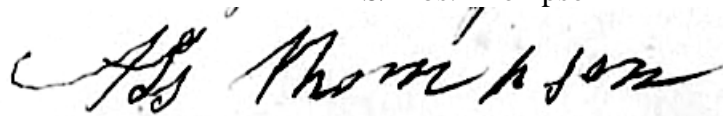
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South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came before me the subscribing Justice of the Quorum in and for the District of Greenville Absalom Thomson<sup>4</sup> and being duly sworn makes oath and says that he lived in Spartanburg district from the summer of the year 1780 till the close of the Revolutionary War and served a considerable time under officers in that District in the Revolutionary War and that he is now receiving a pension, that he was acquainted with the family of Jordan Holcomb who is now making application for a pension and who then lived in Spartanburg District. That he understood that Jordan Holcomb's father was killed by a bloody scout of Tories during the Revolution, and that the family believes this to have been the case. That he has understood and believes that Jordan Holcomb did serve a considerable time in the Army of the Revolution. That he believes the said Jordan Holcombe was in Roebuck's Regiment. That at the close of the Revolution all of the militia who served in Spartanburg District and who were then living in that District made a return of their service which was certified by their officers and that they received indents for their services. That he has understood and believes that Jordan Holcomb received an indent for his services as did all the others who served. That this Deponent was well acquainted with the people of Spartanburg during the Revolution that he never heard or understood that there was any other Jordan Holcomb in that part of the country or that any other Jordan Holcomb ever served in Roebuck's Regiment. This deponent further swears that he believes from all the circumstances above stated and from his knowledge of the character and family of Jordan Holcomb who is now making application for a pension that he is the same Jordan Holcombe mentioned in the certificate of the Comptroller General as having received an indent for services rendered in Colonel Roebuck's Regiment during the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th day of May 1836 before me.

S/ Lewis H Dickey, JQ

S/ Abs. Thompson



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39.84 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months & 17 days service as a private in the South Carolina mounted militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>5</sup> relating to Jordan Holcomb  
Audited Account No. 3677A

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[p 2: Note: The cover sheet of this veteran's Indent file is illegible as posted online. Consequently, I've transcribed below the South Carolina Comptroller's General's certificate posted on p 16 of the veteran's federal pension application abstracting the information from the veteran's South Carolina Audited Account as follows:

<sup>4</sup> [Absalom Thompson S21533](#)

<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

State of S. Carolina		
To Jordan Holcomb		Dr.
To 21 Days duty done in Captain Jeremiah Dixon's Company as per pay Bill certified by Colonel Roebuck at 20/[20 shillings old SC currency] per day from 1 <sup>st</sup> July to 21 <sup>st</sup> 1781		£21
To 89 Days duty done in said Company as per pay Bill certified by Henry White then Major of the Spartan Regiment at 20/per day from 3 <sup>rd</sup> April '81 to 1 <sup>st</sup> July following		89
To 193 Days duty done in Captain John Lawson's less 16 days	Company as per pay Bill certified by Colonel Thomas at 20/per day from 8 October to 3 April '81 Inclusive	<u>193</u>
		£203
	Add more	<u>100</u>
		Cy £303
Deduct less on £303 last charge	<u>16</u> <u>287</u>	
Stg.	[£]41 [Sterling]	

Comptroller General's Office Columbia, 30 March 1836

I certify the above to be a true copy of the Original Account of Jordan Holcomb for Services rendered in the War of the Revolution, as settled & filed in this office for which he received an Indent No. 1202 [Book X]

S/ William Laval Comptroller General  
per  
S/ John T. Seibels