

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rawleigh Holley (Hawly)S38034

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Virginia Prince William County to wit

On this 22nd day of May 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the judges of the General Court of the State of Virginia personally appeared Rawley Holley aged 52 years resident in the County of Stafford in the Said State being one of the Counties in my Judicial Circuit who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War." That he the said Rawley Holley enlisted in the year 1780 in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Lewis Lovely of the Virginia Troops in the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the year 1782 when he was discharged from service at Winchester Barracks the State of Virginia by a Captain Bohannon that he was at the siege of little York, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support: and that he has produced the annexed affidavit of Bailey Willis of his said Services together with his own oath. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm A. G. Dade

Stafford County to wit

Bailey Willis came before me Samuel Heath Peyton a Justice of the peace for said County and made Oath that whilst he was in service about 10 or 12 months before the end of the War, He was well acquainted with Rawley Holley for said time at the Barracks near Winchester as a soldier in Captain Bohannon's Company and at the end of the War they both got discharged together. How long he served before I am not able to say. Given under my hand this 24th day of May 1818

S/ S. Peyton

I the above named W. A. G. Dade do further certify that, again, on the 24th of March 1819 the aforesaid Rawleigh Hawley came before me and made oath that he does not now remember the number of his Regiment but he recollects that a Captain Febecker [Christian Febiger] commanded it. I also certify that I know the above affiant Bailey Willis; that he is credible; and S. Peyton before whom it was made, was then a justice of the peace of Stafford County and further I certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Rawleigh Hawly is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support. Witness my hand & seal this 24th of

March 1819

S/ W. A. G. Dade

Virginia Stafford County, to wit:

On this 15th day of August 1820, in open Court being a Court of Record made so by Law, personally appeared Rawleigh Holley aged about fifty-seven years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted, for & during the war, in September 1780, at Fredericksburg under Captain Lewis Lovely of the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Febiger and served under the said Captain Lovely at various places, till being at the siege of York, from which he went to the Winchester Barracks & there served under Captain Bohannon till the prisoners were sent from thence, when he was discharged – And that the number of his certificate of pension which commenced the 22nd of May 1818, is 9,823. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – viz.: one small old horse, 3 cows & calves, 2 yearlings, one sow & 5 pigs, 3 shoats, one plough & 2 Coulters, 2 axes, 4 hoes, one pair wedges, 2 Hammers, 2 Tables, one chest, one Cupboard or Bofert [sic?], 3 bedstands, one loom, 7 chairs, 2 iron pots, one oven & hooks, one pewter dish, 2 pewter plates, one do basin, 2/3 dozen pewter spoons, 2 pitchers, 3 pint bowls, one earthen dish, one half dozen plates, one half dozen Cups & saucers, ¼ dozen pewter teaspoons, a gallon Jug, one coffee pot, 2 quart bottles & one pint bottle, one earthen basin, one old sugar box, one looking glass about a foot square, 7 old fish barrels, one open box, one bread tray, one ladle, one old flat iron, 2 old saddles & bridles, 2 old wheels & cards, one scythe & cradle, 2 old baskets & a small parcel of old iron – the whole valued by the Court at \$87.75. I also make oath that I owe to Mrs. Nancy Dunaway \$30.25 for part of the foregoing stock & to others about \$30. His occupation is that of a farmer. His family consist of his wife Margaret about 38 years old, who is a weakly person & 4 children, namely William about 11 years old, Nancy about 8 years old, Henry about 6 years old & Peyton about 3 years old who are all healthy as common – that his son Charles about 22 or 23 years old is joined with him this year in working the land on which he lives, for which he finds him board, pays the rent, and besides is to give him one 4th of what is made – and that his daughter Elizabeth, about 21 or 22 years old, at present lives with him, but being of age may or may not continue as she shall choose, or a change of her situation may require.

S/ Rawleigh Holly, X his mark

These are to certify that the Bearer hereof Rawleigh Hawly a soldier of the first Artillery Regiment having faithfully served the United States from the 10 August 1780 to this date, and being enlisted for the war, is hereby Discharged from the American Army. Given at War Office 6th of July 1783 By order of the Secretary of War

S/ B Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]

S/ Joseph Carleton, Secretary

Register in the Books of the Regiment

S/ William Eskridge, Lieutenant & Adjutant

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Cole Robinson Clerk A.

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The within Certificate shall not avail the bearer as a Discharge of until the ratification of the Definitive treaty of peace – previous to which time & until proclamation thereof shall be made he is to be considered as being on furlough

S/ B Lincoln

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Cole Robinson, Clerk A.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 22, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]