

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Clabourn (Claibourn) S38835

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg district

On this 9th day of November 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record to wit the Court of Common Pleas for the district of Spartanburg Clabourn Holt resident in said district aged seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the eighteenth of March 1818 & the first of May 1820, that he the said Clabourn Holt enlisted for the term of three years in the spring of 1779 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Scott in the third Regiment (the Colonel who commanded said Regiment I have forgot & cannot recollect his name) in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the spring of 1782 when he was honorably discharged from the service in the said Regiment in the State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present – that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of Virginia and the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. First I did apply in the year 1819 which was entirely informal for want of evidence. Secondly – I have never sits had the prospects to obtain the evidence I now have And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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

Schedule

My interest for life only in a very poor tract of land of 120 acres sorrily improved say	\$50.00
Three plows worth	2.25
One pair plan gears	1.00
Three hoes	<u>2.25</u>
	\$55.50

S/ Clabourn Holt, X his mark

That since the 18th of March 1818, there has been no material change taken place in my property so as to alter its intrinsic value I am a farmer by occupation and my great age renders me unable

to labor if I was not compelled by necessity I have no family but my wife Elizabeth hope aged 65 years who is infirm of her age and has a Rheumatic Affliction in one of her arms which at times injures her considerably. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ Clabourn Holt, X his mark

State of South Carolina Spartanburg district: Came personally before me Hugh Holt & John Wofford and duly made oath that they are well acquainted with Claiborne Holt and do believe the above schedule to be correct and that he is the person and has rendered the services set forth in his declaration by him. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th November 1827

S/ D. White, U. Q.

S/ Hugh Holt

S/ John Wofford

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: Came personally Daniel Gilmore and Edward James before me and duly made oath that they was well acquainted with Claiborne Holt and well know that he served in the Revolutionary war on the Continental Establishment Scots company 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath [William Heth] and then by Nevels [perhaps John Neville] in the line of the State of Virginia and that he entered the service by enlistment in the year 1779 and served until 1782 having served completely three years when he was Honorable discharged from said service. Sworn and subscribed to before made this 20th of December 1827

S/ F. W. Robertson, JP

S/ Daniel Gilmore

S/ Edward James, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 22, 1828, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]-- the file is indexed under the name of Reuben Holt

Claiborne Holt by Heir Reuben Holt Claimant

1829 May 20 Claiborne Holt allowed for 3 years Service as Soldier Continental line – Air Reuben Holt also for his services Soldier same time for the war if not already allowed

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

I Claiborne Holt aged 77 years do upon oath testify and declare that I Entered the service in the forepart of the year 1779 for the term of three years in the third Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Heath in Captain Scott's Company and continued therein until the Beginning of the year 1782 when I was discharged from the said line Regiment and Company I further declare that I have neither received, assigned or transferred my Claim in any manner whatever to my interest in the Land promised me as a bounty on the part of the State of Virginia. I therefore request the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia to forward through the Secretary of the War Department my warrant to Hugh Moore Esquire at Spartanburg Court house South Carolina and dish Shelby his receipt for the same. This 12th day of July 1828

S/ Claiborne Holt, Claimant, X his mark

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: Your Excellency will at once discover and oversight in the Honorable Secretary of War I forwarded through him to your Excellency the Claims of Claiborne Holt in right of himself and heir at law of Reuben Holt he has marked it as handed to himself which was and oversight you will therefore take said papers into your possession an act upon them as your wisdom may direct. You will discover by the act of Congress of the 20th of May 1826 that the time for applying for and establishing those Claims are extended to the first of June 1829 I mean on the part of the State of Virginia which has promised all those who enlisted for two years and upwards on the Continental Establishment if the fact is sufficient you will forward according to the direction in the power of attorney you well be so obliging as to forward the necessary certificate with the Warrant (to me) that is required by said Act to Enable the Honorable Secretary at War to issue his grant upon said Warrant.

If the proof should be informal or deficient in any respect hold the papers and any information on the subject will be [word too faint to discern] your Excellency's Humble Servant this 8th of September 1828

S/ Hugh Moore

His Excellency the
Governor of the State
of Virginia

Before me Tendol W. Robertson a Justice of the peace for Spartanburg District personally appeared Claiborne Holt the subscriber to the above and acknowledged the declaration and letter of order to be his free act and deed for the purpose therein mentioned – also appeared Daniel Gilmore, Edward James and John Fulton Esquire Gentlemen of known truth and respectability who upon their oaths depose and say that they were well acquainted with Reuben Holt and well know he was slain at Savannah in the State of Georgia on the 9th day of October 1776 [sic 1779] and they solemnly swear he entered or enlisted in the service for the war in the 3rd Virginia Regiment of Continentals commanded by Colonel Heath and Captain Scott Company and well know that the above named Claiborne Holt is the son and heir at law in fee to the said Reuben Holt this 12th day of July 1828

S/ Claiborne Holt, X his mark Claimant

S/ Daniel Gilmore

S/ Edward James, X his mark

S/ John Fulton

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: Ordinaries Office July the 12th day 1828

I Thomas Bomar ordinary for Spartanburg District and State of South Carolina do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence was adduced to me to prove that Claiborne Holt is the son and heir at law in fee to Reuben Holt late a soldier in the 3rd Virginia Regiment of continentals commanded by Colonel Heath Captain Scott's Company who was slain at the siege of Savannah on the 9th day of October 1779 whilst engaged in and against the common enemy. Given under my hand and common seal of office this 12th day of July 1828

S/ Thos. Bomar

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: I Claiborne Holt aged seventy-seven years do upon [oath] declare that I am heir at law in fee to Reuben Holt who entered the service in the [year] 1779 for the term of during the war in the third Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment

commanded by Colonel Heath Captain Scott's company and that I served with him in the same company Regiment and line until the 9th of October 1779 when he was slain by the common Enemy at the siege of Savannah in the State of Georgia and I further declare that I have neither received assigned or transferred my Claim as heir at law to the said Reuben Holt in any manner whatever I therefore request the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia to forward through the Secretary of War the warrant for the land promised my father on his enlistment on the part of the State of Virginia as his bounty from the State of Virginia which I am entitled to [one or more indecipherable words] [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]