

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John M. Holliday: S4378

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State of Tennessee } County Court July Term in the year of our Lord 1833
Hardeman County }

On this the 3^d day of July in the year of our Lord 1933 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court now sitting for Hardeman county John M Holiday a resident of the county of Hardeman and state of Tennessee aged seventy one years the tenth day of Sept last 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

He was first called into service on the first day of February in the year of our Lord 1780 as a minute man from the county of Henry in the state of Virginia and served seven months against the Tories. The Field officer in this expedition was Col [Charles] Lynch. the name of the Maj. he does not recollect The adjutant was a capt. Comming [Cummings] Capt Swinfield Hill command the Company in which he served. They were mounted riflemen he resided in the county of Henry and State of Virginia when he entered service we marched through Henry Bedford Botetourt Montgomery and Wythe Counties during which march we had several skirmishes with the Tories all of which took place in the night time he returned home about the 21st of Sept 1780. He was drafted as a militia man on the first day of Oct or about that time in the county and state aforesaid. he entered service in the company of David Lanier we commenced our march under the command of field officers Col Abraham Penn and Maj'r [George] Waller we marched through the counties of Henry in the state of Virginia, through the county of Stokes [formed from Surry County in 1789] and Surry in the state of North Carolina and backward and forward through said counties having frequent skirmishes with the Tories. whilst engaged in this service we were ordered to join the main army commanded by Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Gilford after the battle of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] we were ordered on to Camden South Carolina under the command of Col Washington at this time our company was commanded by Capt [Josiah] Shaw, Capt Lanier having left us we marched to Camden we were in the commencement of the fight but not in the main engagement [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] he served six months in this campaign and left service on or about the first of April in the year of our Lord 1781 with orders to remain in readiness. He remained at home ten days and was ordered on or about the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1781 to join the company again at Henry court House in the state of Virginia under the command of Capt Swynfield Hill. Field officer Maj Waller we marched under the command of Maj Waller through Henry County Pytsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania] Halifax Charlotte at which latter county we joined Col William Callaway and the Bedford men we then marched under the command of Col Callaway through Mecklinburg [sic: Mecklenburg] Amelia Counties and others not recollected to intercept the Tories to prevent them from joining Wallace [sic: Cornwallis]. we were stationed at different points and marched up and down as ordered. about five months after the commencement of this campaign we were ordered on to Little York to join General George Washington. we marched through PetersBurg crossed James River at Swan's point and joined General Washington at Little York and he fought under the command of Cols. [Holt] Richardson and [Beverley] Randolph in the battle untill the British under the command of Cornwallace surrendered and was discharged on the 19th day of Oct in the year of our Lord 1781. a tegious job getting home and came verry near dying. He placed his discharge in the hands of the Honorable William Fitzgerald member of congress from Tennessee and is informed by Mr Fitzgerald that he left it in the office of the third auditor at Washington City, which can be seen by applying at said office 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] John Holliday

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia in the year of our Lord 1761

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

Answer. I have and it is now at home in my possession

3^d Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer I was living in Henry county State of Virginia at the time I was called into service I lived in Virginia Henry County untill some time in the year 1788 in which I moved to the County of Oglethorp [sic: Oglethorpe] State of Georgia and lived there thirty years. from there I removed to Maury County State of Tennessee and lived there three years. from there I moved to the county of Hardeman State of Tennessee and have been living there for about eight years and am living there at this time

4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer In the first campaign I was ordered out as a minute man and served as mounted rifleman. in the second campaign I was drafted for twelve months. in the third campaign I served out the term for which I was drafted

State the names of of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer Col William Washington who commanded the cavalry General Nathaniel Greene, General George Washington. Capt [Robert] Kirkwood whose christian name I do not now recollect.

did you ever received a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I received a discharge given by Capt Swinfield Hill by the order of Col Richardson and it is now as I am informed by the honorable Fitzgerald in the 3^d Auditors office at Washington City in whose hands I deposited it about eighteen months ago.

Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it.

Answer I never received a commission.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood and who can testify as to your veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Dr. Redick Deshoung[?]. Col Robertson Sheriff of this county Mr Hopkins. and William Shackelford and Lutton Lauten[?]

[signed] John Holliday