

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Holman S4401

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: County Court October Term 1832

On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Isaac Holman a resident of Lincoln County Tennessee aged eighty-one years by the 15th of February next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of a provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 [last digit written over and could be 1776] but at what time of the year he does not now recollect and served either in the 2nd or 3rd Regiment of the North Carolina line (which he is not now certain) – under the following named officers, viz., in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Polk, Major Davidson also commanded in said Regiment, the company to which Claimant belonged was commanded by Captain Joseph Philips, 1st Lieutenant William Hickman 2nd Lieutenant Micajah Lewis he served only one term of enlistment of 2 years & 6 months. He lived at the time he enlisted in Surry County North Carolina – he & his company & another company of regulars under Captain Temple Cole [sic, William Temple Coles] went from North Carolina to Charleston South Carolina and there joined the Army under General or Colonel Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] after remaining at Charleston 4 or 5 weeks, Claimant went with Colonel Polk's Regiment to Georgetown, where they remained 3 or 4 weeks – went to the boundary of North and South Carolina stayed there 2 or 3 months – & went to Wilmington North Carolina. Nothing of much consequence was done until the latter part of the ensuing spring when claimant & his Regiment were marched back to Charleston South Carolina where they arrived a short time before the attack on Sullivan's Island, which he thinks was some time in the month of June – he was at Sullivan's Island at the time the British under Sir Peter Parker made an attack on it the troops on the Island were under the command of Colonel Moultrie – shortly after the Battle on the Island we marched from Charleston into different parts of South Carolina – claimant was not in any other battle after the [word obliterated by an ink blot] of the Island, until after the term of his enlistment expired – about 2 or 3 months after his enlistment expired, he

volunteered in the militia of South Carolina, under the command of Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon], and was under him at the time of his defeat at or near Fairforest Creek. He then volunteered under Colonel Thomas in Captain Bobo's company and was stationed at Woods Fort near the Indian line, to protect the frontier from the Indians, where he served at different periods for 3 months. He was afterwards drafted & went under Colonel Brandon to Savannah and was engaged in the attack made on the British by the French and Americans sometime in the year 1779 – the same or the next fall he went with Colonel Farrar or Fair [Farr] from Union District South Carolina on an expedition against the Indians but the Indians fleeing, they did not have any battle with them. He was then engaged almost constantly in scouting parties against the Tories until General Greene came to Ninety Six – where he joined the Army being drafted in Colonel Brandon's Regiment, he went with the militia after the Siege of Ninety Six was raised, to the High Hills of Santee where he was discharged he thinks the different periods of his service as a volunteer and a draftsman would amount to nearly three years. I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure to testify to my services. I lived in South Carolina fourteen years after the war – then moved to Georgia where he lived ten years and has lived in this County ever since.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the roll of any agency in any state. I would refer for my character for veracity & revolutionary services to the Reverend Ebenezer McEwen & Samuel Todd Esquire & James Bright Esquire.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ Robt. Inge, Clerk

S/ Isaac Holman, H his mark

[Ebenezer McEwen, a clergyman, Samuel Todd & James Bright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: On this 4th of February 1834 personally appeared before me an acting justice of the peace in and for said County Isaac Holman, a resident of said County aged about eighty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That sometime in the year 1775 previous to the term that he enlisted or stated in his original declaration, he volunteered in a company of Cavalry in Surry County North Carolina commanded by Captain Joseph Philips attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong in the Army commanded by General Rutherford we marched down to a place which I think was then "Cape Fear" but now Fayetteville in order to quell an insurrection among the Scotch but when we arrived, we found that the Scotch had been defeated by Colonel Caswell & Colonel Moore at a place called the "drowning Creek" we were then engaged in hunting about for the Scotch Tories & succeeded in taking 3 or 400 of them – we carried them to New Bern North Carolina, where they were transferred to another guard, who carried them to Virginia. We were then marched home and discharged having been in service 3 months.

About 2 weeks after this 3 months tour, I volunteered in Company of horsemen commanded by Captain William Shepperd and they went over on the Blue Ridge & on the waters of the New River & were engaged in ranging the country against the Tories for 2 months & in a short time afterwards he enlisted as before stated a few months after his term of enlistment

expired he cannot recollect how long he served for 3 months at Woods Fort under Colonel Thomas, as stated in his original declaration. –

About three [?] afterwards, he volunteered in Company of light horse, under command of Captain Thomas McCrary & attached to a Regiment then under command of Lieutenant Colonel Robert McCrary though Colonel Casey was the Colonel of the Regiment – We went from Ninety Six District where I then lived (having settled in South Carolina after my enlistment expired) towards the Savannah River in pursuit of some Tories under command of a man by the name of Boyd. Before we arrived at the Savannah we understood that the Tories had been defeated by the troops in Georgia & we returned to Reedy River where several of the Tories had fled after their defeat, & who had been joined as we understood by Captain Bobo & his company (the same that I had served with at the Fort). We were then engaged in scouting against the Tories until the time for which I had volunteered which was two months had expired. A few months afterwards (I cannot recollect how long) he was drafted for a two months tour & went to Savannah under Colonel Brandon as stated in the original declaration & served until the two months were out. In the May succeeding the us, he volunteered in a company of light horse under Captain Waters & were under the command of Colonel Casey & sometimes we served in Colonel Brandon's Regiment and it was in this tour that Brandon was defeated at "Fair forest" and not at the time specified in the original declaration as he, at that time thought (his memory being very frail) – he served in this tour for two months. In the fall of the same year, he was drafted for a two months tour in a company of light horse commanded by Captain William Young & went under Captain Fair or Farrar against the Indians as stated in his original declaration & served until the tour was out. He was then constantly in scouting parties against the Tories until General Greene came to lay siege to Ninety Six which he thinks was at least three months, though his impression is that it was longer. After General Greene came to Ninety Six, he was drafted in a company under Captain Thomas McCrary in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Brandon & was marched to Ninety Six and was engaged in the Siege of that place. After the Siege was raised he was marched to the High Hills of Santee & the time for which he had been drafted which was three months having expired, he was discharged. In two or three months after this, he was drafted in a company under command of Captain William Young & was stationed for two months at a place called "Brandon's Block house," for the purpose of guarding the Tories who were taken prisoners. Applicant states that by reason of old age & Sevier affliction & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot state precisely the exact length of his service, nor (perhaps) the order in which they were rendered – but from the best of his recollection he served at least as long in the periods mentioned above. I was born in Rowan County North Carolina on the 15th of February 1752 according to a record now in my possession.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me,

S/ A. J. Blakemore, JP

S/ Isaac Holman, X his mark

[fn p. 7: On October 21, 1834 in Lincoln County Tennessee, in the town of Fayetteville, Hannah Holman, John Moors & William T Gholson gave testimony that Hannah Holman was the lawful wife of Isaac Holman, deceased; that her husband died August 25, 1834; that her husband was entitled to a pension of \$87.50 per annum from March 4, 1834 to the date of his death and she seeks payment of that amount.

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that the name of Isaac Holman does not appear on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 14th March 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$87.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the cavalry and 15 months as a private in the infantry, in the North Carolina Continental line and South Carolina militia.]