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Pension Application of Solomon Gollyhorn S6907

VA

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State of Virginia. Stafford County S.S.

On this 14th day of January 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Stafford now sitting Solomon Gollyhorn a resident of the said County and state aforesaid aged about ninety 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, he believes in the year 1778 when he was drafted for the term of six months under the command of Captain William Garret that immediately after the expiration of the said term he enlisted for and during the war under the command of Captain John Mountjoy & Edmond Mountjoy lieutenant and continued in said service until the close of the war, which was more than three years from the time of his enlistment. The Regiment to which the said Mountjoys Company belonged was commanded during a part of the period of the Declarants service by Colonel Philips & Major Hewit. [See endnote.] This Declarant entered the service when the British ships were in the Potomac and about the time when Brent's house, situated on the Banks of that river in the County of Stafford, was burnt by the enemy [16 Jul 1776]. The companies to which he belonged were mainly employed in guarding & protecting the property of individuals living on the Potomac from the Ravages of the enemy. At the time of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] this declarant and the company to which he belonged were on the march to that place; but hearing of the surrender, when they had reached or nearly reached Richmond City; they were marched back to the Town of Falmouth where he was discharged. This Declarant has no record of his age. He was born, he believes, about the year 1742, in the County of Stafford where he has ever since resided, except while employed in the service of his country in the Revolutionary War. He does not remember having received a written discharge from the service nor has he any documentary evidence of his services in his possession. He recollects no person now living in this part of the Country who can testify to his services

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Solomon hisXmark Gollyhorn

[The following are in [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Solomon Gollahon of the County Stafford state of Virginia being as I am upwards of Eighty years age do hereby certify I enlisted as a Common Solider in the Virginia Line for during the war of the Revolutionary and I continued in the service of the State of Virginia until after Peace was Proclaimed. nor have I or any Person rec'd. any Bounty Land from the State for my use given under my hand and seal this 29th Sept 1831.

Solomon hisXmark Gollahon

Mr. James E. Heath

Dear Sir

you have Mr. Solomon Gollahon Certificate Pre[?]ing to his Former Affidavit when on a Sick Bed he stated to me that he now has sworn to he states he well knew Andrew Leach [Andrew Leach (Leitch), pension application W24521] at the time of his Enlistment and is Positive he Inlisted for and During the War. he is Equally Clear he Like himself never was Discharged until both left the Army after Peace was Proclaimed. I beg Leave to add If you Can Serve Solomon Gollahon a Man who now Daily Labours in his Field. I witnessed the same and get him what small Portion of Land Falls to him you will Serve others yourself. his Character is a Man of sterling Integrity as the Respectable Signature of Mr. Brook and Mr. Towson bears Testimony – on the subject – please write me above all for the C[ommonwealth] of

Virginia Enclose his warrant to Mrs. Craig agreeable to his request for to be handed him by your sincere
Friend
[signed] James C Duval

NOTE: There was a Capt. John Mountjoy (S36175) of Stafford County in the 10th Virginia Regiment, but that regiment was not commanded by a Col. Philips or a Maj. Hewit. A letter in the file states, perhaps erroneously, that Gollyhorn's service was actually in the militia. Gollyhorn was pensioned for only 12 months service, possibly because militia tours were generally for three months each rather than for the lengths of time claimed.