

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Holt S7024

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 30th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, now sitting, for the County aforesaid, resident in said County, George Holt, aged seventy-six years on the 3rd of December 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.

This declarant states that in the year 1778, as well as he recollects, he volunteered as a private in the Town of Hillsboro in the State aforesaid for the term of three months & was placed under the command of General Ramsey – Captain William Murray, Lieutenant Peter O'Neil and Ensign John Murray, being the Company Officers under whom he was immediately placed. Shortly after he entered the service for the said term of three months, he was made a Sergeant of his Company. After he entered the service, his company was marched to the Town of Hillsboro & thence to Burke County, in North Carolina, for the purpose of joining General Rutherford, and aiding in suppressing the Indians in that part of North Carolina, who had manifested a hostile disposition by massacring some of the whites in their vicinity. This declarant's Company reached Silver Creek in Burke County – & then they received intelligence from General Rutherford that their services were not required by the exigencies of his situation. Thence they returned to Hillsboro by way of Salisbury, & at the end of the term for which he had volunteered, he was discharged. This declarant states that shortly before Gates defeat, at Camden, South Carolina – he volunteered again for the term of three months, in the County of Orange aforesaid, and was attached to the Company commanded by Captain Gwin [probably either Edward or William Gwinn]. Soon after volunteering this time, his Company was marched to the Town of Hillsboro – whence he accompanied General Butler to the Battleground of Gates defeat in South Carolina, as an attendant or hostler of Genl. Butler & during the engagement between the British

forces & the American Army, which resulted in the defeat of General Gates, this declarant was left with the baggage of General Butler. From Gates defeat, the declarant returned, as he best could, to the Town of Hillsboro in North Carolina, where a Company was immediately organized & marched under the command of General Butler, to the Town of Salisbury aforesaid, the declarant attending & accompanying General Butler in the capacity aforesaid. From Salisbury the declarant was dispatched by General Butler with letters to Colonel Moore, one of the Officers then commanding the American forces at or near the Town of Charlotte, North Carolina. The declarant was detained by Colonel Moore until the next day after his arrival at Charlotte – and on the evening of the date of his arrival at Charlotte, intelligence reached the Americans that a scouting party of the British & Tories soldiers were in the vicinity – and Major Sharpe with a few of the Americans, including this declarant, was dispatched to attack the said scouting party of British – which was successfully done in the rencounter, the declarant received a shot in his left ankle. The next day, the declarant returned to Salisbury, in company with the guard which were dispatched with 15 prisoners, who had been taken in the rencounter above mentioned. The declarant continued with General Butler in the capacity as aforesaid until the 24th December the same year, although the three months for which he had volunteered had expired before that time -- When he was discharged at the Yadkin River. The year following, at the call of Colonel William O'Neil, the declarant volunteered for the term of three months – and was employed during that time in marching in different parts of Orange, Chatham, Randolph, and Montgomery Counties, in the State of North Carolina – under the general instructions of Colonel O'Neil, – for the purpose of reconnoitering and baffling the operations of the Tories under the command of the Tory Colonel Fanning & his aides, in those parts of North Carolina – and, at the end of said Term of service, was discharged by Colonel O'Neil in Orange County.

The declarant states that he hath lost his discharges. He hath no documentary evidence whereby he can prove his services aforesaid and that he knows of no person or persons whose testimony he can procure except the accompanying affidavits of Israel Holt and John Strader.<sup>1</sup>

The declarant was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia – and was removed to the State of North Carolina in Orange County when he was about 10 years of age, where he has resided ever since. He hath no record of his age. He then being in Orange County North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States. The declarant is known to Major John Taylor, Doctor James F Smith and George Iseley [?], of his County & neighborhood.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State so far as he hath knowledge.

S/ J. Taylor, Clk.

S/ George Holt



North Carolina Orange County

John Strader maketh oath before me, one of the Acting Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid, after having been duly sworn according to law, that he recollects that George Holt, of the County & State aforesaid, was a soldier in the United States service under the command of Colonel William O'Neil, in the County of Orange in the Summer of the year 1781& that he was discharged by Colonel O'Neil at the end, and this affiant understood, of a three month

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<sup>1</sup> [John Strader W6203](#)

Tour. Sworn to & subscribed before me, this the 30th day of August A.D. 1832.

S/ John Strader

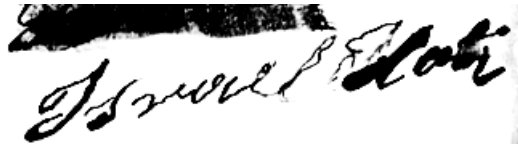
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Strader".

North Carolina Orange County

Israel Holt maketh oath before me one of the Justices of the peace for said County, after having been duly sworn according to law, – that he recollects that George Holt, of the County & State aforesaid was in the service of the United States in the War of the revolution – and in one term of service was marched under General Ramsey to the Western part of North Carolina, on an expedition against the Indians – was at the end of three months discharged. – He further recollects that the said George Holt was on another tour of three months, as an attendant or hostler of General Butler, about the time of General Gates defeat at Camden in South Carolina. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 30th of August 1832

S/ Cadr. Jones, JP

S/ Israel Holt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Israel Holt". The signature is partially obscured by a blacked-out area above it.

[William Montgomery and John Trollinger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private & Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]