

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Stephen Hollingsworth S8726

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions September Term 1832

On this 8th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court the court aforesaid now sitting Stephen Hollingsworth a resident of said County & State aged 78 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as he states hereafter. He entered the service in the winter of 1777 & 8 under Captain Peter Robison [sic, Peter Robeson] attached to Colonel Thomas Robison's [sic, Thomas Robeson] Regiment of Militia he entered the service in Cumberland County. The Regiment rendezvoused at Rockfish a few miles below Cross Creek now Fayetteville and was marched from there down to Wilmington & was stationed at Greenfield [? could be Grunfield] near that Town until his tour of three months expired, after that he joined a company of volunteer Light Horse under the command of Captain Peter Robeson which company was raised for the balance of the War it was mostly employed in bucking [? busting?] up the Tories in this County & the Counties South of this also in the edge of South Carolina was in several skirmishes with the Tories during this period & was in one battle at Monroe's [? could be Marion's] Bridge on Rockfish where he was taken prisoner when he was paroled in this Battle there were three companies engaged under the command of Colonel Thomas Robeson Major James Richardson was also in command under Colonel R. the Battle was fought in the Spring of the year. This battle took place near the close of the War he never was called into service after that he served during his service in the light horse five years some part of the time he was employed in collecting & driving beeves for the use of General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army

The following answers were made to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

1. I was born in the month of March 1754 in the County of Cumberland
2. I have not
3. I lived in the County of Cumberland & still continue to reside there
4. I volunteered
5. in addition to the officers already named I knew Colonel Thomas Brown Colonel Thomas Brown, Major Raiford, Captain Irvine, Colonel Caswell. I have already stated my services as well as I can recollect them.
6. I never did receive a discharge from the service being a volunteer I did not game one necessary & therefore never requested one of my Captain

7. I would refer to Colonel John Black, Jonathan Evans, Josiah Evans, Richard Plummer & I could refer to others if necessary.

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ D. McDiarmid, Clk

S/ Stephen Hollingsworth, X his mark

[Simpson Boone & Richard Plummer gave the standards supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Stephen Hollingsworth Senior who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service or the periods of the war when he served but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than three years as a private soldier during which time with the exception of three months I served in the White Horse & found my on horse and for such service I claim a Pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13th of May 1833.

S/ Duncan McRae, JP

S/ Stephen Hollingsworth, Sr., X his mark

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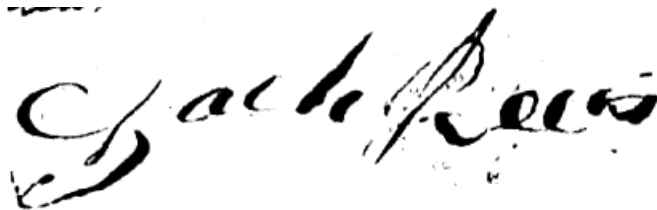
State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

This day Zachariah Reeves¹ a Citizen of said County aged about 77 years, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Stephen Hollingsworth Senior of said County, that he became acquainted with said Hollingsworth during the Revolutionary War, that this Deponent knows that said Hollingsworth Served in Captain Peter Robeson's Company of Light Horse as a private soldier: that said Hollingsworth served in said Corps between two and three years, to the knowledge of this Deponent. That said company was attached to the Regiment successively commanded by Colonel Thomas Brown, Colonel Thomas Robeson and Colonel Thomas Owen, that during that time the said Hollingsworth was in active service.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of May 1833.

S/ Sampson Boon, JP

S/ Zach Reeves

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zach Reeves". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

This day Sherwood Fort² a resident of the County and State aforesaid personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Stephen Hollingsworth Sr of said County that he became acquainted with said Hollingsworth during the Revolutionary War, that this Deponent knows that said Hollingsworth served in Captain Peter Robeson's Company of Light Horse during said War for the space of two years, during which time said Light Horse were employed in preventing the

1 [Zachariah Reaves S41973](#) the veteran's name is spelled Reaves and/or Reves in this application.

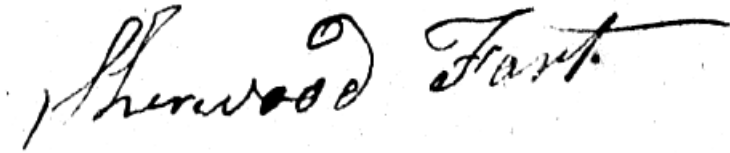
2 [Sherwood Fort S8499](#)

depredations of the Tories.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 15th day of May 1833.

S/ G. Denning, JP [?]

S/ Sherwood Fort

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherwood Fort". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the said County Stephen Hollingsworth Sr. who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served as follows viz. one tour of six months in Captain Wm [?] Handing's Company which was attached to Colonel Brown's Regiment, this was in the year 1777. One tour of three months under Captain Peter Robeson this was in the Winter of 1777 & 1778 – his company during this tour was attached to Colonel Thomas Robeson's Regiment, this above tour was performed in the Infantry, in the Spring of the year 1778 served another tour of three months as Substitute for my father John Hollingsworth in Captain Peter Robeson's Company in the latter part of the summer & early in the fall of 1778 served another tour of three months under Captain Peter Robeson during this service he was attached to Colonel Owen's Regiment on his return home he again entered the service & served three months under Captain Peter Robeson – this service ended about the 1st of January 1779 on his return home the assembly authorized light horse companies to be raised to serve as minute men for the balance of the War. Captain Peter Robeson raised one & this affiant joined it & served in it to the end of the War, he cannot state precisely how often he was out but he is certain that at no time during the period he was attached to this Light Horse company he was at home one month at a time the company was generally engaged in scouring the Country in quest of the Tories or in driving & collecting cattle for the Army. His tours generally were from four to six weeks at a time though he was always compelled to be ready at a moment's warning some times indeed on his return home he would have to leave the next day. The nature of this service was such that he could not engage in any Civil employment during that time putting the actual service performed by him in this Corps together & he believes that he served at least two years, he cannot pretend to state the number of Tories or their duration.

S/ Stephen Hollingsworth, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4th September 1833

S/ Jonathan Evans, JP

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State of North Carolina, Bladen County

This Day Sampson Davis,³ Senior personally appeared before me John Hair, Esquire one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for said County and maketh oath that he was well acquainted with Stephen Hollingsworth of Cumberland County that he knew said Stephen Hollingsworth during the Revolutionary war and was in the Service with him Six [?] months at Jumping Run under William Handin [sic, Harden?] Captain and he under Colonel Roberson [sic, Thomas Robeson?] a volunteer and that he served that time faithfully as a soldier During that time

he the said Sampson Davis further maketh oath that he was with said Hollingsworth three months at Caswell's Camps under Peter Roberson [sic, Peter Robeson] Captain & Thomas Roberson

³ [Sampson Davis W6964](#)

Colonel and that he the said Hollingsworth served that term faithfully as a soldier During that time.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th Day of August 1834.

Attest: S/ John Hair, JP

S/ Sampson Davis, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Stephen Hollingsworth Sr. who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services as a soldier of the Revolutionary War but according to the best of his belief and recollection he served as follows (viz) One tour of six months in Captain William Handing's Company attached to Colonel Robeson's Regiment, this was in the spring and summer of 1777, also in the latter part of that year & beginning of the next Served another tour of three months in Captain Peter Robeson's company, shortly after his return home (viz) late in the Winter or early in the Spring 1778 his father John Hollingsworth was called into service for three months which tour affiant performed as his substitute in Captain Peter Robeson's Company in the latter part of the Summer & early in the fall of the same year (1778) affiant Served another tour of three months under Captain Peter Robeson during this Service he was attached to Colonel Owen's Regiment, and immediately on his return home there being a call for men affiant again entered the Service and served three months in Captain Peter Robeson's company this service ended in January 1779. On his return home the General Assembly of this State, authorized Light Horse Companies to be raised to serve as minute [men] for the balance of the War. Captain Peter Robeson raised a Light Horse Company under said authority and this Affiant joined it and remained in it until the end of the War, though it is out of his power to specify the several tours of service & if the testimony of my witnesses will not satisfy the Department of my Services in the Light Horse I must consent to abandon any claim for them.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 21st of August 1834.

S/ Joseph Avey, JP

S/ Stephen Hollingsworth, Sr., X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County & State aforesaid Stephen Hollingsworth Sr. who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below, and in the following grades I served as a private soldier for six months under Captain William Handing at Wilmington and at Jumping Run below Wilmington, in this Service I was a volunteer, I again volunteered under Captain Peter Robeson for three months & served this tour under him at Green field below Wilmington Captain Handing's Company was attached to Colonel Thomas Brown's Regiment & Captain Robeson's was attached to Colonel Thomas Robeson's Regiment. Some time after I again volunteered for three months under Captain Robeson & served this tour in pursuit of the Tories & was stationed most of the time on Amey's [?] Bridge on Drowning Creek. After this Service I joined the Light Horse or minute men & served many tours but the precise length of which I am unable to State with more accuracy than I have already done, as that does not appear to be satisfactory to the Department. I must abandon my claim for those services, but for the aforesaid services I claim a Pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 13th of March 1836

S/ Jonathan Evans, JP

S/ Stephen Hollingsworth, X his mark

[fn p. 12: Certificate dated March 25, 1856 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made to a Stephen Hollingsworth for military services during the revolutionary war.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]