

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Holt S9585

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State of North Carolina County of Johnston: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August term
1833

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 --

On this 27 day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting James Holt a resident of the County of Johnston aged 79 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 in the fall of the year 1778 he was drafted into the service of the United States under Captain John Whitley in the County of Johnston and State aforesaid -- Lieutenant McCulloughs [sic, Matthew McCullers] Ensign Masterson [James Masterson] -- Colonel William Caswell -- General Ashe [John Ashe] -- for a service of ~~five~~-six months -- and served a term as Corporal. Rendezvoused in Kinston North Carolina -- remained at Kinston several weeks -- from Kinston was ordered to the South -- crossing Sampson County Bladen County -- crossing Cape Fear [River] at Waddels Ferry -- was marched up the Cape Fear up to Elizabeth -- stayed there a week or two -- thence on to White Marsh in Bladen County -- remained there a few days -- thence to Lumberton -- thence to Pedee [River] in South Carolina crossing which at Mares Bluff he was marched towards Charleston SC crossing the Santee [River] -- stayed within 10 miles of Charleston 2 or 3 weeks -- thence was marched on to Augusta Georgia: thence down the Savannah to Briar Creek at which place Declarant was engaged in the battle [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] and shared the defeat -- His company re-embodied at Black Swamp near Purrysburg at which place was General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] -- his time here expired and he was discharged having served the full term of six months -- His discharge has been lost -- This term of service prove by John Wiggs.¹

Sometime in the winter of the year 1781 Declarant was again drafted for a service of three months -- as Ensign -- and put under command of Captain Edmund Griffin -- and resorted to headquarters in Duplin County North Carolina -- joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] whose Army was passing on to Wilmington N. C. -- Declarant's Lieutenant was William Robards -- After General Rutherford discharged his man at Wilmington the company to which Declarant belonged were ordered to Wilmington and placed under command of Colonel Young [probably Henry Young of the New Hanover County Regiment of militia]. He remained at Wilmington until the expiration of the term of three months for which he had been drafted.

¹ [John Wiggs W4398](#)

The company was disbanded at Wilmington and declarant received a discharge signed by Colonel Young and Captain Griffin -- This discharge also is lost -- This is [proved by] Richard Pilkenton² and Abel Sasser³.

In answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the Department not already in this Declaration Answered -- Declarant says that he was born in South Hampton County Virginia 1754

He knows no record of his age

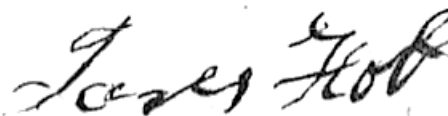
He lived in Johnston County N. C. when called into service & has always lived there since --

He had a commission as Ensign, but has lost it

He states as names of persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood -- John Atkinson Esquire, Colonel Joseph Boon -- General Daniel Boon and Adin Powell Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Holt



I John Wiggs do hereby certify that I was with James Holt in his first term of service spoken of -- and that his statement is true.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Wiggs, X his mark

We Richard Pilkenton [&] Abel Sasser do hereby certify that we were with James Holt in his second Term of service herein spoken of and that his statement is true.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year above mentioned.

S/ Richard Pilkenton, X his mark

S/ Abel Sasser, X his mark

[Dixon Phillips, a clergyman, and John Phillips gave the standard supporting affidavit]

State of North Carolina County of Johnston

On this 25th day of February 1834 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said County James Holt who being first duly sworn according to law deposes & saith that in his last tour as stated in his Declaration now filed in the War Department -- he served as Ensign and was duly commissioned as such -- from his Colonel Needham Bryan -- This commission affiant believes to be lost -- not being able to find it nor any of his papers -- and not having seen it for a great number of years -- Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date above written.

S/ N. G. Bryan, JP

S/ James Holt

Also personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said County William Bryan⁴ and Richard Pilkenton who being duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that they were soldiers under James Holt who acted as Ensign and who they believe was commissioned as such in a tour of three months to Wilmington -- being his last tour as stated in his Declaration now filed in the War Department at Washington -- These affiant's do not remember to have seen his commission -- that they are perfectly sure that he acted as such -- and

² [Richard Pilkenton S3701](#)

³ [Abel Sasser \(Sassen\) S7450](#)

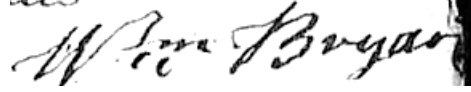
⁴ [William Bryan S6699](#)

have not doubt of his having a commission --

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date above written.

S/ N. B. Bryan, JP

S/ William Bryan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Bryan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ Richard Pilkenton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a corporal for 6 months and as an Ensign for 3 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]