

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Holliman S9590

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State of North Carolina Anson County} Declaration of James Holliman on this 2nd day of October 1833 personally appeared before me James Gordon one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Anson James Holliman a soldier of the Revolution who being very infirm and not able with convenience to travel to a Court of record and aged 83 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 herein stated. I turned out as a volunteer under Capt. Henry Finch to serve every call of our officers to keep under the Tories and other outliers in Johnson County [Johnston County] & the adjacent Counties. Served two months and was dismissed by Capt. Finch, the month & year not recollected but thinks it was at the beginning of the war – Not long after I was drafted to serve a three months Tour a private in Capt. Henry Finch's Company again marched to Kingston [Kinston] on nuse [Neuse] River then across the River at Coxes ferry, then on towards Trent River, then on near Wilmington [Wilmington] after halting sometime we marched through Duplan [Duplin] County to Drowning Creek at the fair bluff then marched to Elizabeth town [Elizabethtown] on Cape fair River [Cape Fear River] – then back to Smithfield in Johnson County where we first marched from served three months – got discharged & went home. In about twelve months was drafted for another three months tour and marched under Capt. John Trent under Col. Needham Bryan & marched across Tar River below Tarborough Town & through Green County & on near Edenton expecting to meet the British & Tories – and after Saying [staying] there a few weeks – marched up the Roanoke River to Halifax Town and was stationed there about two weeks, then through Nash County in pursuit of Tories and into Wake County. Served three months and was discharged by Capt. Trent, the year not recollected – Some four or five months after this I with a number of others was called on by Col. John Smith of Johnson County to guard a parcel [of] British prisoners above one hundred and thirty in number that was sent to Smithfield to be guarded till they could be exchanged. I served as guard two months & was discharged – by order of Col. Smith – he remembers being with Gen. Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Army in his route towards Wilmington but did not remain long with Gen. Green He also remembers of being mustered by Adjutant Childers while with Gen. Greens Army the year not recollected. Not long after I was discharged from guarding the British prisoners, orders came for some eighteen months men to be raised. I for one turned out a volunteer and when orders came to march I set my Serven [sic, servant?] in my place & I was discharged.

I have no papers to prove what year but it was near the end of the war as well as recollected. Neither have I any papers nor do I no [know] of any person now living by whom I could prove my services.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above

Test: S/ J. Gordon, JP

S/ James Holliman



Qt. 1. Where and in what year were you born

As. In Johnson County [Johnston County] North Carolina May 25 1750

Qt. 2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

As. Yes in a family Bible kept by my father of his children's ages

Qt. 3. Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived ever since the revolutionary war & where do you now live

As. I lived in Johnson County North Carolina when called into service and continued to live there until the year 1793. I moved to Lancaster District South Carolina & near the North Carolina line where I have lived ever since

Qt. 4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ans. A volunteer and drafted. I served two three-month tours a drafted soldier and two two-months tours a volunteer and sent my service in the eighteen months Tour.

Q thet. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

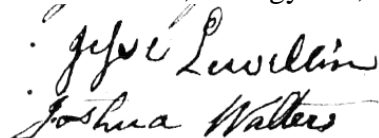
Ans. Gen. Green, Col. Needham Bryan Adjutant Childers, Capt. Henry Finch, Capt. John Trent and Col. Smith these were militia officers & lived in Johnson County at that time except Gen. Green and he was a Continental

Qt. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

As. I do not remember ever receiving a written discharge from my officers, but mostly think I did but what has become of it I do not know at this time.

Qt. 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution – Jesse Lewellin & Joshua Walters

[Jesse Lewellin, a clergyman, and Joshua Walters gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Holliman
Audited Account No. 3696C
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The Petition of Elizabeth Parker and Sarah Holiman [sic], praying for arrearages of Pension
Pensions
Name does not appear on Treasurers Book
W. C. Carithers

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District }

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislature of the Said State:

Your petitioners Shew to your Honorable body that their Father, James
Holiman [sic] was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war, that part of his Services were rendered in
this State, & as he lived near the North Carolina [line], he done duty in that [state]: Your
Petitioners have often heard him Speak of his Services, his Suffering & the hardships & dangers
he underwent in the war, from which your Petitioners infer that he served his Country long &
faithfully as a soldier: He always lived in this State & died in this District on the 8th of May A.D.
1836:

Your Petitioners further Shew that in consideration of the services aforesaid, your
Honorable body placed the said James Holiman, Several years before his death upon the pension
Roll, and allowed him a pension: When this was done & how much annually was allowed to
him, your Petitioners don't know; they do know, however, that he drew several years before his
death: & that Mr. Simon Beckham ^{or — Backhart} was his Agent for that purpose:

Your Petitioner's further Shew that they are the only Surviving Children of the said James
Holiman; that after his death there was no administration of his Estate for he had nothing to be
administered: Your Petitioners are informed & believe, that some part of his pension money was
due & in arrears at the time of his death, which your Petitioners pray may be paid over to them.

And your Petitioners will ever pray

Nov. 11

S/ Sarah Holliman, X her mark

S/ Elizabeth Parker, X her mark

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District }

Personally came Sarah Holliman & Sarah Parker before me and state on oath that the
facts as Stated in the within petition as being within their own knowledge, & as being derived
from the information of others, they believe to be true.

Sworn to before me

this 11th Nov. 1854

S/ J. A. Stewman [?], Clerk

S/ Sarah Holliman, X her mark

S/ Sarah Parker, X her mark

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Parker & Sarah Hollyman [sic] praying for arrears of Pension due to their Father James Holliman dec'd, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and find that his name does not appear as a pensioner of this State, but the name of James Hollyman [sic], does appear on rolls of the United States, S. C. Agency Lancaster District, Act of 7th June 1832, who is doubtless the same man now applied for, and consequently your Petitioner [sic] have no claim against this State.

Your committee would ask leave to be discharged its further consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted

S/ A. S. Wallace, Chairman