

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Holdway (Holdaway) W18028

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County: Superior Court law September Term 1818

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818 Henry Holdway personally appeared before me aged sixty-two years resident in the County of Wilkes and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War – that he the said Henry Holdway enlisted in the Rifle Regiment in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Gabriel Long of said rifle Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan, that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the month of September 1779 when he was honorably discharged from the service at Pumpton Plains in the State of New Jersey and that he was in the Battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777] and was at 2 battles on the Hudson River against General Burgoyne [September 19, 1777 (Freeman's Farm) and October 7, 1777 (Bemis Heights)] and the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] together with 13 skirmishes and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country for support.

Sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1818

S/ Henry Holdway, X his mark

Henry Lowell

State of North Carolina, Wilkes County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August first 1820.

On this first day of August 1820 appeared in Open court Henry Holdaway aged sixty-five years resident in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, that he enlisted in August in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Gabriel Long in the Regiment of Rifle men commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan for the Term of 3 years, that he was marched by Philadelphia to New Brunswick and was in the Battles of Trenton, Princeton, Stillwater & Monmouth court-House, that he faithfully served his Term of 3 years and was discharged by General Woodford [William Woodford] at Pumpton Plains N. J. –And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March

1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed... Vizt... 50 acres of poor Land on the waters of reddis [Reddies] River in Wilkes County North Carolina at \$50.00, One old Horse \$25. – Three head of cattle \$26 – six small Hogs \$4 – Four sheep \$4 – one plow, one ax, two hoes at \$2.25... (\$107.25)  
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court August first 1820

S/ Henry Holdaway, X his mark

The deponent Henry Holdaway further maketh oath that he is by Occupation a farmer or Laborer and that by reason of a sore leg he has for nearly three years been unable to procure a Maintenance by his labor, and that his leg continues sore and renders him almost helpless. That his family Residing with him consist of his wife Eleanor aged fifty-eight years, and two daughters Eleanor aged twenty years and Rebecca aged fourteen years, that his wife and Youngest Daughter are both feeble and infirm from continual In this position, but that his Daughter Eleanor is able to work and is the Principal support of the family but had with all their efforts they have not been able to raise bread for the family for several years, and that he must sell a part of his small Stock for bread this year.

The deponent Henry Holdaway further maketh oath that the original declaration upon which he obtained a pension is not in his Possession, and he supposes is filed in the War Office at Washington bearing the date of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1818, and that his Pension Certificate bears the date the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_ and numbered \_\_\_.

S/ Henry Holdaway, X his mark

[p 11: On August 2, 1837 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Eleanor Anderson Holdaway, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Holdaway, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Culpeper County Virginia January 25, 1779 which was before the expiration of her husband's last service; that her husband departed this life May 17, 1835; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 15, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing May 17, 1835.]