

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob (Jesse) Holly ¹ W21388 Winnifred (Winford) Holly f24NC

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State of North Carolina Halifax County:

On this 21st day of November 1842 personally appeared before me John Alston one of the acting Magistrates & member of the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County and State (it being a Court of Record) Winford Holly a resident of the aforesaid County & State aged Eighty-seven years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit, of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Jacob Holly who was a private in Captain Littles Company of the 10th Regiment of North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary War that enlisted.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Polly on the 25th day of July 1778, that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Polly died on the 4th day of August 1817 and that she has never since married but remains the widow of said Jacob Polly as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before
S/ John Alston, JP

S/ Winford Holly, X her mark

[p 11: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Halifax County North Carolina to Jacob Holly and Peter Wiggins June 1, 1778 to secure the marriage of Jacob Holly to Winford Mills.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jacob Holley a private Soldier in Captain Lytle's [William Lytle's] Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in said line in 1781, for the war, that a Warrant for the services of said Jacob Holley for 640 acres of land, was issued on the 19th of July 1808 No. 162, drawn by Westwood A. Jones.

Given under my hand this 16th day of February 1843

S/ Wm Hill

¹ BLWt26420-160-55

[p 23: David King² gave testimony that he knew Jacob Holley and served with him in the 10th North Carolina Regiment on the Continental establishment but that they were in different companies; he also testified that he knew Jacob Holley married Winefred Mills before he went into the service and that they lived together as husband and wife until Jacob Holley's death which took place some 20 years past (his affidavit is dated January 9, 1843 and signed by his mark).]

[p 5: On April 16, 1855, in Halifax County North Carolina Winnifred Holly, widow of Jesse Holly, aged about 90 filed for her bounty land entitlement.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's 2 years of service as a private in the North Carolina line.]

[Note: C. Leon Harris writes: *It seems Jacob (Jesse) Holly W21388 was a free person of color. His widow made a supporting statement in the present file of Drury Walden³ FPC, so on a hunch I checked the censuses for Halifax County NC. In 1810 Jesse Holly is listed as "other free person," and in 1840 his widow, Winny Holly, is listed as "free person of color."*]

² [David King S46055](#) and [David King W20347](#) The same man applied for a pension under the 1818 Act and under the 1832 Act.

³ [Drury Walden R11014](#)