

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Drury Holland W3419                      Sarah Holland                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 12 May 2020.

State of Virginia                      }  
Bedford County to wit                      }

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1839 personally appeared in open Court now sitting at the Court House in the County and State above mentioned Sarah Holland a resident of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia aged Seventy Two 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of Drury Holland who was, as she has always been informed a soldier in the war of the Revolution. That he always called himself, and was called by others a regular soldier, and said he served between five and six Years. That he moved from the County of Cumberland in this state to this and the adjoining County of Franklin [formed in part from Bedford in 1786] in the year 1785. That she never knew him until after the war was over and cannot therefore say of her own knowledge any thing in relation to the service performed by her husband but refers to the evidence of those who served with him, and knew him at the time the service was performed for the particulars. that although she has heard her Husband relate perhaps all the particulars of his service, Yet from Old age and Consequent loss of memory she cannot give any regular and detailed account of them. That she has often heard him speak of many battles that he was in, and has seen the scars of several wounds he received in them. One a scar from a Bullet wound in the Thigh and a Bayonet Wound on the hand, but cannot say what officers he was under all the time. She distinctly recollects his saying he was a considerable time under General Washington that he could always tell from Washingtons department when a battle was expected or any important move was to take place. that he was also under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and [Daniel] Morgan that he was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [in South Carolina, 8 Sep 1781], and Gilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and well recollects hearing him say that himself and John Wigginton [W6547] took a boat loaded with Rum &c. from the Brittish near a fort and many other things she cannot now recollect.

she further declares that she was married to the said Drury Holland on the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1785. That her husband the aforesaid Drury Holland died on the 31<sup>st</sup> day July Eighteen hundred and Twenty six and that she has remained a Widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open Court before the worshipful the County Court of Bedford now sitting.                      Sarah herXmark Holland

State of Tennessee                      } Be it known that on the fifteenth day of July 1839 Personaly appear'd Stephen  
Smith County                      } Holland about seventy eight years of age and made oath in due form of law before  
me Patrick Fergusson one of the acting Justices of the peace in & for this County aforesaid that his  
Brother Drury Holland who died in Bedford County State of Virginia about thirteen years ago was a  
soldier of the revolution he served five years & six months as a Reagular he was with General  
Washington General Green & Colonal [William] Washington while in service but this affi do not  
Recollect the Capts, nor the other officers names he served under and after he returned from the war some  
time between the years 1785 and 1790 he married Sarah Turner who is the lawful widow of the said Drury  
Holland this affiant knows of the fact was preasent at the marriage they were married by Parson Mitchel  
a presbeterian minister in the s'd County of Bedford This affiant Recolects nothing more at preasent and  
further sayeth not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1839

Stephen hisXmark Holland

State of Virginia }  
County of Bedford to Wit }

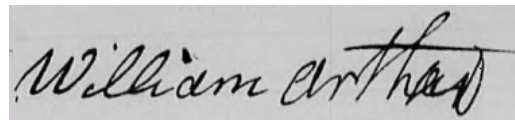
The affidavit of John Wigginton [W6547] of the County and state aforesaid, aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath state, That he himself enlisted at the age of 16 years, in the army of the Revolution to serve during the War, and went into service under Cap [George] Handy for which service he has been drawing a pension under the act of Congress passed in 1818. That his recollection from old age and infirmity is not sufficiently distinct to trace the entire line and course of service performed either by himself or others but he does distinctly recollect, That the Regiment formed of those who enlisted during the War, from various Causes, became so small that they spoke of breaking it, but did not, but made up the deficiency by adding to their number out of those that enlisted for Eighteen Months, that at that time Drury Holland the Husband of the present Claimant, was added to his Company. That they served together during all or most of the time Drury Holland enlisted for, which he is positive was for eighteen months. That the said Drury Holland was a brave and faithful soldier and rendered important service to the Country, That he was the only aid he had in capturing a Boat Lying under a small fort belong to the brittish, Loaded with Rum, in which he himself received a wound in the calf of his Leg. That they were most of the time on service in the South under the Command of Colo Henry Lee & Generl Green, but was some time under others the exact particulars of which or the details of the service he cannot now recollect or state. That he has been acquainted with said Holland since they were in the Army together up to the time of his death. The exact time of which he cannot state as they lived some 12 or 15 miles apart

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day July 1839 John hisXmark Wigginton

Bedford County to Witt

The Affidavit of Cap. William Arthur [S6528] of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn deposes and says. The he was well and intimately acquainted with Drury Holland decd that he had known him some 30 or 40 years previous to his death. That they lived within some six or eight miles of each other, and frequently met together. That he has frequently conversed with him on occurrences that happened during his the said Drury Hollands Services, in the Revolutionary War. that from those Conversations with himself he is well convinced that he served through the greater portion of the war – and further states, that he frequently heard William Hackworth [W3415] a respectable Old Gentleman and pensioner under the Law of 1818, now no more, and Mr John Wigginton now living say that the enlisted in the Early part of the war in the regular or Continental line and served a tower of long Continental he thinks it was three years with said Drury Holland, they often spoke of occurrences that happened during that term of service, that they spoke of said Holland as one of the bravest of men and a faithful soldier a character he always enjoyed and retained to the day of his death, and I am fully convinced myself and think it is the general impression of the neighbourhood that said Holland served during the greater part of the Revolutionary war and that he was a Gallant Soldier – and further saith not

[4 July 1840]



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Drury Holland inlisted as a Soldier the first day of August 1776 for three years in the Continental Army Virginia Line & first Virginia Regiment and served his time which he enguag'd for faithfully. Given under my hand the 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec'r 1783.

William Cunningham [William Cunningham R13534]

Maj'r.

Wm Lewis Maj Virg'a Line [William Lewis BLWt1300-400]

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S Hawes Com'r. [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450]

NOTE: The federal file includes a copy of a bond signed on 26 Dec 1785 by Drury Holland and Elijah Turner of Bedford County for the marriage of Holland to Sally Turner.