

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Holman (Holeman) W4235¹ Lilles (Lillis) fn86NC

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[fn p. 10]

State of Indiana Clark County: SS: Circuit Court May Term 1834

On this 20th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Circuit Court of Clark County State of Indiana (being a court of record) now sitting, Isaac Holman a resident of Utica Township in said County of Clark, and State of Indiana aged seventy-seven years who first being 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, viz.

His first service was as a volunteer in his twenty or twenty first year in Captain Samuel Reed's company, John Grimes Lieutenant the Ensign's name not recollected, under the general command of General Rutherford. At the time he entered the service he resided in Rowan County North Carolina where he entered it. He marched from Rowan County up the Catawba [River] into the Cherokee nation; and had several inconsiderable skirmishes with the Indians. His company was failed [fell] upon by some Indians in ambush at a gap in a mountain – during this excursion into the Indian country there was a severe engagement between a part of the Army and the Indians; but this deponent was not present at it as he was then detailed on other services. This his first term of service was ninety-five days, he received a written discharge from it at the head of the Catawba Cazy's Fort [Casey's Fort?], Pleasant Garden; his discharge is lost. From loss of memory he cannot be more specific as to the time of entering into and other circumstances attending his service. His next service commenced in the latter part of the year 1780 or the beginning of '81, he was drafted into Captain Ritchie Grimes [Richard Grimes?] Company, the names of the other company officers not recollected; was under the general command of General Davidson; was marched to Salisbury, thence to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County SC [sic, NC] thence to within about twenty-five miles of Camden – then turned to the

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right towards the Catawba – thence up the Catawba on the North side while the British were marching up on the other side. This deponent was in the engagement near widow Terrents [Tarrant's]² in which General Davidson was killed. After the death of that officer, Colonel Locke was his commandant; under him he marched through Salisbury and the Moravian Town to Guilford County – about twenty miles below Guilford Court House had a skirmish with the British – after the skirmish joined General Greene's Army – and marched to Guilford Court House and was in the battle at that place. He has no recollection of knowing any regular officer excepting General Greene; he well remembers the salutation between him and Colonel Locke when the latter joined the Army of the former; he thinks General Greene the [indecipherable word] man he ever saw, soon after the battle of Guilford Courthouse he was dismissed; he got a discharge at Salisbury which is lost. This tour of service was three months. He afterwards (but at what time he does not recollect) served as a volunteer to guard at Salisbury the prisoners taken at Kings Mountain. This service was at least two months he having hired a substitute for one month; he thinks Colonel Locke was the commanding officer and has no recollection of any other officer in that service; his whole service was over eight months.

That he lived in Rowan County North Carolina at each of the times when he entered the service, and until 1799 when he removed to Woodford County, Kentucky where he lived about one year at the expiration of which he emigrated to Clark County where he has resided ever since. That he is birth was recorded in his father's family Bible – and was copied into his own where it now remains. He was born as he believes on the 20th of March 1757. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State of the United States

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

S/ Isaac Holeman, X his mark

[Mordecai Cole and Samuel Prather gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On March 31, 1853 in Clark County Indiana, Lilles Holman, 77, made application for a widow's pension as the widow of Isaac Holman, a revolutionary soldier pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum for his service in the revolution; that he died in Clark County Indiana April 5, 1843; that she married him in Rowan County North Carolina September 9, 1804; that they were married by William Cook, a Baptist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Lilles Mitchell; that she remains a widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lilles Holman". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first name "Lilles" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Holman".

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² February 1, 1781. General William Lee Davidson was killed at Cowan's Ford in an action earlier in the day on February 1, 1781. Some of the troops at Cowan's Ford retreated and rallied at the Widow Tarrant's Tavern where they were attacked and again routed.

[fn p. 36: a later document she signed her name:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellis Valenzuela". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]