

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zebedee (Zebulon) Hollingsworth W5301 Elizabeth Hollingsworth  
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State of North Carolina, Sampson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term  
1833

On this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 before the Worshipful Justices now holding the Court aforesaid viz William Kirby, William J. Stevens and Whitney Royals personally appeared Zebedee Hollingsworth a resident of Sampson County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-two 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1<sup>st</sup> This applicant being quite deaf and of bad memory cannot go very minutely into a relation of his service or pretend to state it with certainty but according to the best of his recollection he served as follows

1<sup>st</sup> In the fall of 1775 the Tories were collecting and embodying in the neighborhood of Cross Creek now Fayetteville for the purpose of marching down and forming a Junction with the enemy in the Cape Fear below Wilmington and there being a demand for soldiers to go against them Colonel James Kenan the Colonel of Duplin County ordered out the militia and this applicant entered the service in a company of Duplin militia under Captain William Dickson, Thomas Hooks Lieutenant, Michael Kenan Ensign and served three months as a private that he marched from Duplin, by Elizabeth Town in Bladen County to Rockfish bridge 7 miles below Cross Creek & there stationed, raising bulwarks for defense against the Tories, thence to Moore's Creek bridge and arrived there the day after the battle at that place, thence to Duplin and discharged. He joined a Regiment of provincials under General Moore at Rockfish – was drafted for this tour has no documentary evidence but proves this service by Frederick Rivenbark<sup>1</sup> of Duplin County.

2ndly In the fall of 1776 he was again ordered out by orders of Colonel James Kenan and entered service in a company of Duplin militia under the same officers as in the above mentioned service and served one month as a private – marched from Duplin to Jumping Run below Wilmington and there stationed to prevent an attack upon the town from the enemy below. -- was drafted – has no documentary evidence but can prove this service also by Frederick Rivenbark of Duplin County.

3rdly The Tories being very numerous and troublesome in the spring of the year 1779, the

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1 [Frederick Rivenbark W9257](#)

militia being required to subdue them he volunteered and entered service in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain David Dodd, John Wining Lieutenant, Stephen Slocumb Ensign in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan and served three months in continued in actual service as a private, his marches were in Duplin Bladen & New Hanover Counties, he also marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse [River] – was in a skirmish with the Tories on Coharie and some wounded – has no documentary evidence and knows of no person but his brother Henry Hollingsworth who is also quite deaf – by whom he can prove this service

4thly In the first of the year 1781 the enemy having possession of Wilmington, were expected to take excursions into the Country and for the purpose of arresting their marches, he volunteered & entered service in a company of Duplin militia under Captain Jonathan Taylor, Silas Mihan Lieutenant in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan and served three months as a private – marched from Duplin to the Big Bridge in New Hanover County, and stationed there a while, a skirmish occurred on the opposite [side] of the River North East in the time, thence to Rutherford's Mills & entrenched, thence to Kinston on Neuse and discharged: -- has no documentary evidence but proves this service by Frederick Rivenbark aforesaid --

5thly In the summer of 1781 it being apprehended that the enemy in possession of Wilmington under Major Craig would march up to Rockfish bridge above [indecipherable word, looks like “So.” “South”?] Washington northwardly he volunteered and entered service again under the same officers as in the last mentioned service in a company of Duplin militia & marched to Rockfish bridge aforesaid and entrenched and was there attacked by the enemy both in front and rear about at the same time and defeated and put to rout – served in this tour two months as a private – has no documentary evidence but proves this service also by Frederick Rivenbark of Duplin County.

Answers of said applicant to the questions<sup>2</sup> propounded to him by the Court aforesaid as prescribed by the War Department.

Ans: 1. I was born in Duplin now Sampson N.C. November 6, 1761

Ans: 2: I have a record of my age in a Bible

Ans: 3: When called into service I was living in Duplin now Sampson County N. C. -- since the revolutionary War I've lived in Sampson County N. C. & I now live in Sampson

Ans: 4. I refer to my declaration

Ans: 5. There were troops at Rockfish in Cumberland – I remember Colonel Kenan's, Colonel Lillington's & Colonel Moore's militia regiments – my memory is bad I have forgotten a great deal -- & must refer to my declaration.

Ans: 6. I don't recollect of ever having received a written discharge.

Ans: 7. Joseph Carrell, Esq., John Chestnutt, David Chestnutt, William Faison, Thomas Vann, William Kirby, Esq. & many others I could name.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present

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<sup>2</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution

and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written.

S/ Zebedee Hollingsworth, X his mark

[Thomas Vann and David Chesnutt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Sampson County

On this the first day of January 1834 before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Henry Hollingsworth Senior<sup>3</sup> a resident of said State & County aged 77 years last August who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath depose and say that he is the Brother of the within named applicant Zebedee Hollingsworth consequently is well acquainted with him and served with him in the Revolutionary war a tour of three months in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain David Dodd, John or Peter Wining Lieutenant, he cannot recollect the date with certainty, their marches were principally confined to Duplin County, and was in a skirmish with the Tories on Coharie at Captain She. Williams' where some were wounded.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid and I hereby certify that Henry Hollingsworth said deponent is well known to me and entitled to full faith & credit.

S/ Jas. Carrell, JP

S/ Henry Hollingsworth, X his mark

[On August 22, 1839, in Sampson County, NC, Elizabeth Hollingsworth, 72 (as of 27<sup>th</sup> February last), filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Zebedee Hollingsworth, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$42.50 per annum; that she married said Zebedee Hollingsworth in January 1785; and that her husband died on April 22, 1836.]

[On Jan. 16, 1840, in Sampson County, NC, Henry Hollingsworth, brother of the applicant, gave an affidavit in support of the claim of Elizabeth the widow in which he states that his brother's real name was Zebulon Hollingsworth, but his claim was granted under the name Zebedee Hollingsworth.]

[Nancy Chesnutt gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Jacob Hollingsworth, 59, son of Zebulon and Elizabeth, gave an affidavit in support of his mother's claim for a widow's pension. His affidavit is dated Nov. 19, 1839 and filed in Sampson County, NC. Attached to his affidavit is the family's bible record. Bible record of births of children of Zedebee and Elizabeth Hollingsworth

Fanny born July 1, 1778

Zebulon born June 29, 1781

Nansey born 22<sup>nd</sup> January [? worn and torn]

Lynnard born July 28, 1783

Elizabeth born June 5, 1785

Eve born June 10, 1886

Jonney born September 21, 1788

Polloy [sic] born April 1, 1791

Henry born May 1, 1793

Gilford Hollingsworth was Born the 7 [?] November 1795

Henry born December 25, 1796

Anny born January 13, 1799

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<sup>3</sup> [Henry Hollingsworth S8729](#)

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other data in Bible record:

William son of Joshua & Elizabeth Chesnutt His wife was Born September ye 15<sup>th</sup> Day 1779

Anney Hollingsworth the Daughter of Zebulon Hollingsworth was born Jany the 13<sup>th</sup> Day 1799

Henry the Son of Henry & Elizabeth Hollingsworth His Wife was Born May the first Day 1793

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Henry the Son of James & Mary fasson [Sic, Faison] his wife was Born the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1779

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State of North Carolina, Sampson County

On this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Frederick Rivenbark a resident of Duplin County N. C. aged 86 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he is well acquainted with Zebedee Hollingsworth of Sampson County N. C. knew him before and during the Revolutionary War and served with him in that war as follows

1<sup>st</sup> In a company of Duplin militia in the last of 1775 and first of 1776 a tour of three months under Captain William Dickson, Thomas Hooks Lieutenant, Michael Kenan Ensign and marched from Duplin to Elizabeth Town in Bladen, thence to Rockfish Bridge about 7 miles below Cross Creek now Fayetteville and made entrenchment there preparing for defense against the Tories, thence back to Elizabeth Town, thence to Moore's Creek bridge and arrived there the day after the battle at that place --

2ndly One month in a company of Duplin militia under the same officers as above in the fall of 1776, and marched from Duplin to Jumping Run below Wilmington and stationed there.

3rdly Three months in a company of Duplin militia in the first of 1781 under Captain Jonathan Taylor, Silas Mihan Lieutenant in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan and marched to the Big Bridge in New Hanover County thence to Rutherford's Mills and entrenched there, thence to Kinston on the Neuse and discharged.

4thly In a company of Duplin militia also, in the summer of 1781 under the same officers as in the last mentioned tour, and served three months and marched to Rock fish Bridge just above South Washington in New Hanover County and there stationed to prevent Major Craig and his forces from passing and there attacked and defeated by them.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid and I do hereby certify that said Frederic Rivenbark is known to me and entitled to full faith and credit.

S/ W. Kirby, JP

S/ Frederick Rivenbark, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$42.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]