

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Holt W7756

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[fn p. 13]

State of Alabama County of Blount: On this 6th day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Marston Mead the Judge of the Court of Blount County now sitting Charles Holt a resident of ___in the County of Blount in the State of Alabama aged seventy-one 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 7th 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That on the 15th day of September in the year of our Lord 1780 – he was enrolled as a private Drafted Militia man in the Company of Captain Benjamin Moore (late a Lieutenant at Gates defeat) in the Regiment of Colonel William Moore & in the Battalion of Major Elijah Moore of the North Carolina Militia commanded by General Butler and at the time he was drafted resided in Granville County North Carolina and marched and rendezvoused at Hillsboro in North Carolina and from Hillsboro we were marched to Salisbury remained there 4 or 5 days and marched from thence to the Catawba River and were stationed there about one month at the old Nation Ford on the Big Catawba River – General Morgan was there some 8 or 10 days with his Brigade & Colonel William Washington with his Light horse (was also with us a few days – and he recollects being mustered and paraded by Colonel Davy [William Richardson Davie] – and recollects a regular adjutant Al Corn [Alcorn?] a strict Disciplinarian Joseph Blackwell was my Lieutenant; part of this Tour & he returned & the name of his successor not recollected and from Catawba River we were marched to Salisbury and there Discharged & left the Service the first of January 1781 being in active service from the 15th of September until first of January following – & was in no Battles in said Tour; he recollects seeing General Green [Nathanael Greene] on this Tour at Hillsboro and on the Catawba. And he was again Drafted and Enrolled as a minute man of the Militia man of North Carolina and was enrolled early in the month of June in the year 1781 in the company of Captain John Peace & his Brother Joseph Peace was our Lieutenant Ensign's name forgotten, and at the Time of his

enrollment resided in Granville County North Carolina and was marched from Granville Court House to Colonel Burton's Spring and stationed there in Granville County North Carolina ten miles from Roanoke River about three months and thence to Taylor's Ferry on Roanoke River and were there stationed to guard the Ferry off & on about one month and then returned to the Station at Colonel Burton's and remained there doing duty until we received intelligence of the capture of Lord Cornwallis and we were immediately Discharged & in the month of October and is certain it was about the last days of October in the year 1781 – got no written Discharge there was a general Joy in Camp and all our Captain paraded us and said to his Company "Boys you may all go home," on this Tour there was only two or three companies and Colonel Burton was the Commander of the whole there was no regular officers on this Tour & recollects no field officer & was a private on said Tour and was Taken from the ranks and was my Captain's Cook & done no other duty & recollects but one other officer Captain Merideth or Meridit [Meredith] and this Deponent says that from the time he entered on the last Tour until he returned home was 5 months in the Service and in all his Tours along to the infantry and was in no Battles during his services as before related – & states he received a written discharge on his first Tour but the same was accidentally washed up in his waistcoat Pocket shortly after being Discharged and he has no Documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can Testify to his services – and knows of no living witness who has any personal knowledge of his services & believes there is none. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and Declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Charles Holt, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[John Fowler, a clergyman, and Granberry H Harrison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following all the several answers of the said Charles Holt to the several Interrogatories of the War Department. 1st where and in what year were you born. Answer, I was born as I was informed by my parents in Prince William County, on the 30th day of March 1762 in the State of Virginia – Answer to second Interrogatory I have no record of my age and only know my age from what my parents told me. Answer to the third interrogatory – when called into service I lived in Granville County North Carolina and since the revolutionary war I lived 10 years in North Carolina in Granville County & Franklin County – and thence removed to South Carolina & lived there 12 years in Spartanburg County and then moved from there to Franklin County & in Georgia & lived there about 7 years and then moved to State of Tennessee & there resided about 7 years & in Dixon County & Hickman & Rutherford Counties and from thence removed to Blount County Alabama where I have resided ever since & [indecipherable word or words] residing at this time; I was Drafted both times when called into the Service.

Answer. I knew a regular officer on our first Tour called Adjutant Alcorn Colonel William Washington of the Light horse, General Morgan I recollect Colonel William Morris Militia Regiment & Colonel Washington's Light Horse & knew Colonel or General Davie I am not certain whether he was a militia or regular officer but I know he wore a red coat went on duty.

Answer to 6th Interrogatory. I received only one Discharge and it was washed up in my waistcoat pocket shortly after my Discharge

Answer to 7th Interrogatory I am known in my present neighborhood by Jeremiah Ratley, John Ratley, Josiah Ratley & Daniel Seargent all of whom can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Charles Holt, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed the 6th day of July 1833 in open Court

[fn p. 8: On April 6, 1854, in Blount County Alabama, Martha Holt filed a claim stating she is the widow of Charles Holt, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died September 19, 1847 leaving her a widow; that she has not intermarried since his death; that she married him in Franklin County North Carolina February 15, 1785; that they were married by Britton Harris, JP; that she is currently 89 years old agreeable to what her mother told her when she was a small girl; her oldest child William was born on Christmas Day in the same year [of her marriage] and is now 68 years old.]

[fn p. 5: On April 6, 1854 in Blount County Alabama, William Holt, 68, gave testimony in support of his mother's application stating that he is the oldest child of Charles and Martha Holt; that his parents had 9 children in addition to himself 5 of whom were his brothers, John the oldest and Kinderal the youngest of them live in Blount County Alabama; that John is about 5 years younger than he is and Kinderal is about 20 years younger than he is.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 1/2 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]